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## HURLED FROM SHIP'S DECK.

Accident While Unloading Coal.

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Capt. Howard, of the s.s. Minniemoller, lying off Kellett Island, Wanchai district, has reported to the Police that yesterday morning, whilst unloading coal, a derrick rope broke, and a sling of coal fell, hurling four men overboard into a light-er below. Wong Sin-tai, (52), was fatally injured, and died on the way to hospital; and Wong Sui, was detained in hospital, whilst the other two, who were only slightly injured, proceeded to their own homes.

## THE INVASION OF BELGIUM.

Could Enemy Have Been Stopped?

KING ALBERT'S WISE POLICY.

[By Capt. B. H. Liddell Hart.]

Could the invasion of Belgium and France have been prevented, and the Germans stopped on the frontier, but for the mistakes of the French Staff and the squabbles of the Belgians? If so, as is implied by the highest Belgian authority, what a price the world has paid, and is still paying.

Further, was the saving grace of the Marne due to King Albert, far away in Flanders, rather than to Joffre? Was it, later, only the wise caution of King Albert which prevented the Allies putting their heads into a gigantic German trap, and from bringing on a disaster in which the Channel ports might have been lost?

These tremendous questions are suggested by a record of King Albert's part in the war which has been written by Lt.-General Galet, his military adviser, and now Chief of Staff of the Belgian Army. General Swinton has rendered a public service by translating it, for it is a warning that all should take to heart.

It may be argued that such a book is necessarily a partisan account. I can only say that its main points fit in with all that I have discovered by independent research. Moreover, this Belgian account has an astonishing frankness which helps to carry conviction.

Spell of French Theory.

We are shown what an ill-organised and inefficient army the Belgians were on the eve of the war, and how greatly this state of affairs was due not merely to the proverbially culpable politicians, but to the ignorance and ineffectiveness of the General Staff. And the Staff College chiefs, like our own Sir Henry Wilson, had fallen under the spell of the French theory of the headlong offensive.

King Albert stood out against the tide. As he was King as well as Commander-in-Chief he was more fortunate than Gen. Michel in France, and survived to restrain the heady impulses of his officers. Obsessed by theory, they made a paper plan to concentrate the army centrally for offensive action, stripping the frontier. King Albert saw that an active defensive was more practically suitable. Thanks to him Liège was properly garrisoned, and in time.

There is an interesting revelation that the Dutch took the initiative in proposing mutual measures of defence against a German invasion, but cooled off as soon as they learnt that their own territory would be respected.

A worse shock was in store for King Albert when he found that, owing to the fooling methods of the General Staff, nothing was ready for the concentration of the army. Gen. Galet says frankly that, instead of one division, all six could easily have been in position along the barrier-

## LEAGUE COUNCIL

JAPAN AND CHINCHOW.

CHINA ACCUSED OF NOT KEEPING BARGAIN.

Paris, Yesterday.

Mr. Yoshizawa called on M. Briand this afternoon and had half an hour's conversation. It is believed Mr. Yoshizawa presented a formal proposal as regards a neutral zone at Chinchow which may assist toward a settlement of the dispute.

Mr. Yoshizawa explained to M. Briand that Japan had fulfilled her share of the Chinese proposal by withdrawing her troops from Chinchow, whereas the Chinese troops were still there. He urged that pressure be brought to bear on the Chinese to avoid a clash and advocated direct negotiations between the Chinese and Japanese authorities on the spot, for demarcation of the neutral zone.

The League Council met the Chinese and Japanese delegations last evening, and it is understood, the Chinchow question was discussed.—Reuter.

line of the Meuse—with a resounding check to the German invasion! Perhaps even that one division might have succeeded if plentifully provided with machine-guns. There were only 102 for the whole army!

Joffre's Faulty Dispositions. When the Germans were in Liège the bright sparks of the General Staff burned to advance to the Meuse. The King wisely overruled them, realising that the troops were too ill-trained as yet for any offensive manoeuvre.

It is astonishing to hear that Joffre gave the King no information as to the Allied plan, but merely a lot of absurd information as to the weakness of the Germans.

At last, when faced with the approach of overwhelming numbers, the King heard that there was no possibility of early support. He fell back on Antwerp just in time. There he had a flanking position from which he could threaten the German masses, who now swept on into France. Gen. Galet points out that this tragic result was purely due to Joffre's infatuation for the offensive and consequent faulty distribution. He had ample force if he had merely sought to stop the Germans.

"The Generalissimo had a long period in which to take up in adequate strength the splendid line of resistance Antwerp-Namur. . . . If he had only despatched by rail a total of six corps. . . . taken from those at the tail-end of the columns marching up, he would, on the 18th, have had at his disposal. . . . a body of nine corps (including the Belgians, supported on both flanks by fortresses, with two British corps in reserve. . . . Such a distribution. . . would have absolutely stopped the German assault. It was not carried out: it was not even dreamed of."

With bitter truth Gen. Galet complains that, because of a military theory, Belgium's guarantor "failed in their duty."

Menace to German Flank. Yet it was King Albert who saved them. By his sorties from Antwerp he not only detained a large German force from the crucial battlefield of the Marne, but, as German records show, created such nervousness as to clinch the German decision to retreat. These flanking (Continued at foot of next Column.)

## BURMA ROUND TABLE.

Conference Starts on Constitution Making.

SHAN STATES ENTITY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At the Committee meeting of the Burma Round Table Conference to-day, the Sawbwa of Hsipaw, on behalf of the Shan States, advocated their maintenance as a separate entity and, after discussion, it was decided to postpone a decision and proceed, for the present, on the assumption that the Shan States did not want representatives in the new Legislature.

The Committee considered the question of a second chamber, in favour of which opinion was unanimous. A majority was against equal power with the lower chamber in financial matters, but agreed that the upper chamber should be able to check rash legislation.

To-morrow the Committee will consider the method of election to the second chamber, also the qualifications of voters and candidates.—British Wireless Service.

## ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF REGISTERED COVER.

The theft of \$2,000 in bank notes from the Kwong Ho Import & Export firm, 82, Jervois Street, has been reported to the Police by the master, Lau Chik-sin, who states that, yesterday, he discovered that a registered cover, which contained Netherlands bank notes, to the total value of \$2,000 in local currency, had been sent from Holland. He alleged that the cook received the notification of arrival from the General Post Office, secured the firm's chop, and obtained the cover. He then applied for a week's leave and has not been seen since.

## KINGSFORD SMITH REACHES CALCUTTA.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Commander Kingsford Smith, carrying the Christmas mails from Australia to England, reached Calcutta to-day. He expects to arrive in London on December 13.—British Wireless Service.

## THEIR MAJESTIES RETURN TO LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace to-day, and the Court will remain in London for a fortnight. The Queen has recovered from her recent chill. The Royal family will spend Christmas at Sandringham.

enemies were due to King Albert's initiative—for Joffre seems to have forgotten all about the Belgians in his absorption with his own battlefield.

So also he was tardy in recognising the danger to Antwerp subsequently. The British were a little better, thanks to Mr. Churchill. But the Belgians, too long isolated, were now becoming morally exhausted, and we are frankly told that a panic among the General Staff caused the Army to abandon Antwerp before it was necessary.

In all these troubles the King was a rock. He was also a realist, as he again showed when opposing Foch's proposal to quit the coast and join in a dream offensive inland. Otherwise the Allied forces would have walked into a trap, while the Germans walked along a clear path to Calais. Salute to King Albert, one of the few sane men in a world of military illusions!

"Albert, King of the Belgians, in the Great War." By Lt.-Gen. Galet. Translated by Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton. (Putnam, 25s.)

## NEWS TABLOIDS.

The problem of Extrality was referred to in the House of Commons, yesterday. Mr. Wardlaw Milne drew attention to the dissatisfaction prevalent among Britons in China in the matter, and wanted to know if Government had, in any way, been committed to a policy.

Sir John Simon, replying, said that no agreement had yet been initiated. A draft treaty had been drawn up and was under consideration. Before ratification, if the draft Treaty is approved, Parliament would be given opportunity of discussion.

Mr. Yoshizawa has submitted to the League Council that Japan, by withdrawing her troops from Chinchow, has fulfilled her share of the bargain, but alleges that China has not kept her part of the bargain. He also pressed for direct negotiations, on the spot, between Chinese and Japanese authorities for the demarcation of a neutral zone.

A cook, in the employ of a Chinese firm, is alleged to have obtained delivery from the Post Office of a registered cover containing foreign currency to the value of \$2,000, and to have since absconded.

Two Chinese motor-car drivers were cautioned, to-day, for unnecessarily sounding their horns. One horn fiend is said to have sounded his horn no less than 14 times.

An accident aboard s.s. Minniemoller, yesterday resulted in the death of a Chinese, serious injuries to another, and light injuries to two others. A derrick rope broke and a sling of coal in falling hurled the 4 men overboard and into a lighter alongside.

How a pork dealer of the Central Market was set upon by a party of footpads, a week ago, assaulted and robbed of \$145 was related in the Central Police Court this morning, when of the alleged gang was charged with armed robbery.

Their Majesties the King and Queen have returned to Buckingham Palace, and the Court will remain in London for a fortnight. The Royal family will spend Christmas at Sandringham.

Congratulating Bert Hinkler on his recent achievement, the Prime Minister said, in a telegram, that his flight would rank as one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of aviation and as a magnificent demonstration of the sterling qualities of British aircraft engines.

The Burma Round Table Conference has settled down to the work of framing a Constitution. The Shan States wish to be maintained as a separate entity, and discussion of this point has been deferred sine die.

Kingsford Smith arrived in Calcutta yesterday. He hopes to reach London on Sunday with the Australian Christmas mails.

The British Air Council has sent a message of sympathy to the Dutch Government in connection with the Dutch air mail disaster at Bangkok.

The general improvement in the situation (recent Burmese rebellion) in Burma continues, says the Secretary of State for India.

## BERT HINKLER IN ENGLAND.

Premier's Telegram of Congratulation.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Bert Hinkler, who, on October 27 made a great solo flight of 1,350 miles across the South Atlantic in a British Standard Puss Moth machine of only 120 horse power, this afternoon reached Hanworth Aerodrome at the end of his flight from New York by way of the West Indies, South America and West Africa.

He had a great reception from a large crowd, which included the Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, who welcomed him officially on behalf of Government; Sir Arthur Brown, who with Sir John Alcock, was the first to fly the Atlantic; Flight-Lieutenant Stainforth, holder of the world speed record; Miss Peggy Salaman who, with Mr. Gordon Smith, recently beat the London—Cape record in a British machine of the same type as that used by Bert Hinkler; Miss Winifred Spooner, and other leading British airmen and women.

The first to greet Hinkler was his wife. He received a telegram of congratulation from the Prime Minister, who said the flight would rank as one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of aviation and as a magnificent demonstration of the sterling qualities of British aircraft engines.—British Wireless Service.

## OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Colonial Defence Contribution.

In view of Unofficial opposition in the Straits Settlements Legislative Council on this subject, the Governor has decided to refer the measure to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Opposition has been raised to change of procedure whereby, for a percentage deduction from annual revenue, it was proposed to pay a fixed annual contribution of \$5,000,000.

Britain and France and Tariffs.

The visit of the French Trade Delegation to London has been indefinitely postponed, as immediate friendly conversations on tariffs is out of the question just now.

The French Finance Minister refutes the suggestion that the recent French decree discriminates against Britain, but the refutation does not in fact stand scrutiny.

Bert Hinkler.

The Australian airman arrived in England, yesterday. He was accorded an enthusiastic official and unofficial welcome, and lauded on his recent great solo "hop" from Brazil to Africa across the South Atlantic.

Chinchow.

According to a Japanese military authority, the situation around Chinchow is increasingly serious. Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's soldiers, disguised as bandits, in fact the districts near Mukden and are threatening the S. M. R. It is held that peace can only be secured by the complete exclusion of the young Marshal.

Export of Arms.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, yesterday, Sir John Simon declared that in granting licences for the export of arms the Foreign Office was actuated by the consideration whether such action was likely to affect friendly relations with foreign Powers.

## EXTRALITY

DRAFT TREATY COMPLETE.

NOT YET SIGNED TO BE DISCUSSED BY PARLIAMENT.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons Sir John Simon announced that no agreement concerning Extrality had been initiated by Sir Miles Lampson, though a draft treaty had been completed which both Governments were considering. If the draft treaty is signed, Sir John said, Parliament would be given an opportunity of discussion before ratification.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne asked if the British Government, in any way, had committed itself. He referred to dissatisfaction among British interests in China owing to the way in which these matters had been left.

Sir John Simon replied that he was fully aware of the great importance of this matter.—Reuter.

## AIR-MINDEDNESS.

Flight-Lieutenant R. Bentley, the first man to fly a light aeroplane from Britain to Cape Town, recently, gave a lantern lecture to the Bristol Air Group of Boy Scouts.

The Air Group, whose work follows along the educational lines covered by the Badge System laid down by Lord Baden-Powell when he originated the Boy Scout Movement, consists of Scout workers, Rover Scouts and Boy Scouts holding the First Class Badge. The Group, which studies aeroplanes and all aspects of aviation, and now numbers sixty members, owes its origin to Mr. Robert T. Lewis, Managing Editor of The Evening World, who, with Mr. John Bennett of that paper, as Secretary of the Group, Mr. J. L. Milligan, the Bristol County Commissioner, and Mr. H. A. Box, Bristol County Scout Secretary, takes a keen interest in the Group's affairs.

The subjects dealt with have varied from the theory of flight to the mapping of compass courses; from a description of an imaginary aeroplane flight to a study of the controls. In addition, organised bodies of Scouts flew a model machine in the Curtis wind tunnel, lent to the Group by Shell-Mex Limited. Officials of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, Limited, West Country civil pilots and others have given the Group talks covering a wide range of aviation subjects.

The result of the scheme has been the increased air-mindedness of the Scouts in a city where the making of aeroplanes is a primary industry and where many of them are likely to find careers in the aeroplane industry.

## HORN FRIENDS CAUTIONED.

In the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham cautioned two Chinese drivers, who admitted sounding their horns unnecessarily. In one case it was stated that defendant sounded his horn no less than 14 times, whilst following Traffic-Sergeant B. C. Baker in Hollywood Road recently.

Sir Flinders Petrie, that great veteran among archaeologists, has left England on a fresh expedition to excavate Gaza of the Philistines. "It may take us fifty years," he said, "but I am only in my eighties yet." That is the British spirit. The nation that puts old heads on its young men and keeps young heads on its old men is the nation that will win.

## ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

How a Pork Dealer Was Assaulted AND ROBBED OF \$145.

Accused pleaded not guilty.

How Chan Ping Chung, a pork dealer of the Central Market, was dragged into a lane on the night of December 1, and robbed of \$145 in money, was described by Inspector K. W. Andrew in the Central Police Court this morning, when, before Mr. Williams, Chan Yu Wing, was charged, along with four others not in custody, with armed robbery.

Inspector Andrew said that at 8 o'clock on the night in question, complainant was on his way to the Ko Shing Theatre. In Po Yan Street, near the junction of New Street, he was set upon by five men, and dragged into a lane immediately opposite. He was thrown to the ground. His throat grasped and his girdle cut away. Four of the gang disappeared but complainant managed to maintain a hold on the accused. He shouted for help, also blew a whistle. This attracted the attention of a District Watchman, who came on the scene, and the party then proceeded to Central Police Station. The girdle was found near the place where complainant was robbed, but the purse had gone.

At the close of his testimony, complainant, replying to the prosecuting officer, said he was in the habit of carrying plenty of money about on his person. He did not know nor had he seen any of the robbers before. Although he held on to the accused, he could not see him clearly, because the light in the lane was very good.

## BURMA REBELLION SITUATION IMPROVES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At question time in the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, stated that the general improvement in the situation in Burma continued.—British Wireless Service.

## FRANCE'S SUPREMACY.

The Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Burroughs), preaching at Leicester, said that if in 1923 we had stood up more boldly "to our ex-ally over her iniquitous policy in the Ruhr" we should not now be in a position of virtual vassalage to her.

That authority over the nations which we used to regard as being indisputable had passed, so far as Europe was concerned, to that Power which, in recent years, had shown the narrowest vision and seemed to be the least likely to use its new supremacy in selfless or pacific ways.

## LIGHT RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report this morning states:—The typhoon appears to be stationary about 400 miles East of Cape St. James.

An anticyclone is general to the North of Vladivostok. Forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; generally overcast; light rain.

## Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.18 inch. Total, since January 1, 78.03 inches against an average of 82.24 inches—deficit 6.21 inches.

## Temperature.

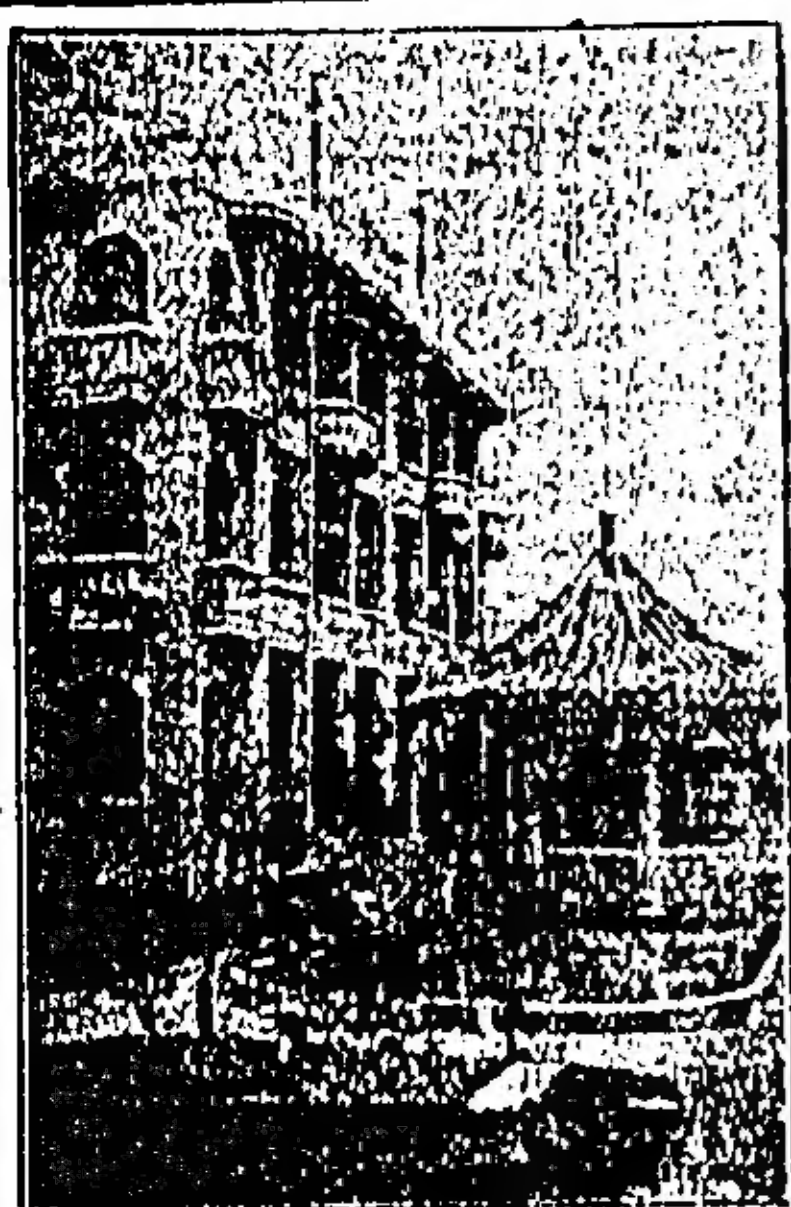
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

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Pratas Island	76
Pochoo	68
Amoy	68
Chofoo	48
Shanghai	59
Manila	72









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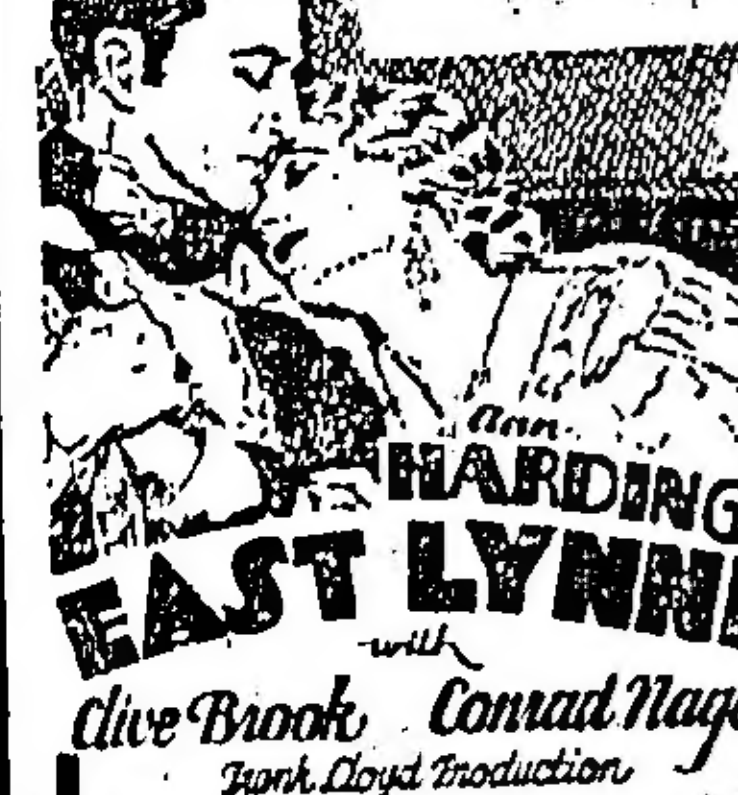
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## "SMILING LIEUTENANT."

There is no need to commend the "Smiling Lieutenant." There is no need to dwell on its merits. Box office records in the Colony must have crashed yesterday, judging by the immense crowds waiting at the King's Theatre at all the screenings. Maurice Chevalier has taken the Colony by storm, and were his film to be shown for a fortnight continuously it would still draw packed houses.

Comparisons have been heard between "The Smiling Lieutenant" and "The Love Parade." These are needless. "The Love Parade" may in parts be a little more spectacular, but that is all there is to it—save and except for the beautiful role taken by Jeanette MacDonald.

Chevalier's great personality makes of the film a sure winner for him, but nevertheless both Claudette Colbert and Miriam Hopkins display some rare acting, especially Claudette.

Incidentally the film should strengthen public opinion—among both men and women—against the growing senseless craze for Victorian attire for the feminine sex. The contrast between what Claudette and Miriam wore in the earlier parts of the story should help to place a ban on the ludicrous attire of our grandmothers and great-grandmothers.

All in all, there is nothing new to be said about "The Smiling Lieutenant." Even had we—which we have not—anything original to offer in the way of criticism it would not prevent the huge crowds thronging the King's Theatre.

## From Other Sources.

## "UP FOR MURDER."

Dramatic, human, up-to-date and tragic, with just enough of the relieving element of comedy, "Up for Murder" is showing at the Central Theatre. Seldom has better combination of all of the elements which go to the making of an entertaining motion picture been more cleverly combined than in this offering from the pen and the megaphone of Monta Bell.

It is Lew Ayres' second starring venture. It was a bold piece of business to inject this boy who, in the eyes of the motherhood of America, stands for the phrase, "My Son," into a character like that of Robert Marshall. In spite of the fact that Ayres give a much better performance of Lew Ayres than he does of a young man suddenly promoted to journalism and love at almost one and the same time, he is worth watching all the time. He discloses an unexpected comedy sense in the first part of the picture, and a keenness for drama which we knew all along he had, because of his remarkable performance in "All Quiet."

## "THE HOTTENTOT."

In order to appeal to the girl of his heart—played by Patsey Ruth Miller—Edward Everett Horton agrees to ride in the great annual steeplechase, although he has never been astride a nag in his life! His decision made—he begins to find out all sorts of new and horrifying facts about Hottentots, and the more he learns about the habits of the wild animal, the more his teeth chatter.

Others in the cast of "The Hottentot" (now at the Queen's Theatre) include Edmund Breese,

Edward Earle, Stanley Taylor, Otto Hoffman, Douglas Gerrard, and Maude Turner Gordon.

## "SHOW GIRL IN HOLLYWOOD."

Blanche Sweet, widely popular screen favourite, is heard singing for the first time in "Show Girl in Hollywood." First National's ambitious talking, musical and colour version of the J. P. McEvoy best-seller.

The picture, showing to-morrow at Queen's Theatre, stars Alice White in the title role, with Jack Mulhall featured opposite her and John Miljan, Ford Sterling, Spec O'Donnell, Virginia Sale and other notables in prominent roles.

Miss Sweet herself has a powerful dramatic part as a motion picture actress.

## "THE SEA GOD."

Tolefoa Tusitala, a chief of the Samoans, is the author of an adventure story of the South Sea Islands which has been made into a talking picture.

To the world of literature, Tolefoa Tusitala is John Russell, author of the original story from which Paramount recorded "The Sea God," dialogue picture at the Central Theatre, for three days starting to-morrow.

To the natives with whom he has sojourned, and about whom he has written, he is known by his Samoan title. Russell is an American, born in Davenport, Iowa. He was graduated from Northwestern University and travelled extensively through the South Sea Islands, the Orient, Asia and South America.

During his itinerary, Russell acted as special correspondent for a New York newspaper. Of late, he has devoted all his time to fiction writing.

It was in 1920 that he was given the name of Tolefoa Tusitala, when the Samoans adopted him as a chief.

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## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:

5-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.  
5-5-27 p.m.—Operatic.

Song—Rigoletto (Verdi) "Dearest Name,"  
Barbieri di Siviglia (Rossini)  
"A Little Voice I Hear"  
Marion Talley (Soprano)  
(5680).

Orchestra—  
La Bohème (Puccini) Fantasia,  
Victor Symphony Orchestra  
(36871).

Song—  
Rigoletto (Verdi)  
"Each Tear That Falls"  
Ellis d'Amore (Donizetti)  
"A Furtive Tear"  
Enrico Caruso, Tenor (6016).

5-27-6-17 p.m.—A Concert.  
Piano Solo—  
Ballade in G Minor (Chopin),  
Alfred Cortot (6612).

Song—  
The Pipes of Pan (Monckton),  
Arcady is Ever Young (Monckton),  
Winnie Melville (Soprano)  
(B3285).

Violin Solo—  
A Dream (Cory-Bartlett),  
Macushla  
(MacMurrrough arr. Chomet),  
Renee Chomet (1442).

Sea Shanties—  
(a) O Shallow Brown,  
(b) Miss Lucy Long (arr. Terry),  
(c) Walk Him Along Johnny,  
(d) Johnny Comes Down to Hills  
(arr. Terry),  
John Goss & the Cathedral  
Male Voice Quartet  
(B2940).

Piano Solo—  
Improvisata in A Flat (Schubert),  
Etude in E Major (Chopin),  
Ignace Jan Paderewski  
(6628).

Song—  
Little Lady of the Moon (Costes),  
Bird Songs at Eventide (Costes),  
Sydney Calham (Tenor)  
(B2742).

Violin Solo—  
Canzonetta (D'Ambrasio),  
Marjorie Hayward (B2534).

6-17-7-17 p.m.—Variety.  
Song—  
Fancy Our Meeting,  
The Beggar,  
Lillian Davies (Soprano)  
(B2797).

Song—  
Rocky Mountain Rose,  
Would You Take Me Back Again?  
Johnny Marvin (Comedian)  
(B2665).

Saxophone Solo—  
In the Orient,  
Serenade Badine,  
Rudy Wiedoeft (20086).

Song—  
You, You Alone,  
For You,  
John Boles (Tenor) (22373).

Humorous Song—  
Foolish Facts,  
What Kind of a Noise Annoys an  
Oyster,  
Frank Crumit (23515).

Mandoline Solo—  
Concert Mazurka, Op. 126,  
Mario De Pietro (B2820).

Banjo Solo—  
Frivolous Joe,  
Mario De Pietro (B2820).

Vocal Duet—  
Congratulations,  
That's Why I'm Jealous of You,  
Jim Miller & Charlie Farrell  
(22277).

Song—  
Happy Days Are Here Again,  
Johnny Marvin (Comedian)  
(22186).

7-17-8 p.m.—Orchestra.  
Daphnis et Chloe (Maurice Ravel),  
Boston Symphony Orchestra  
(7143-4).

L'Arlesienne (Bizet),  
Royal Opera Orchestra,  
Covent Garden (9112-3).

Espana Rhapsodie (Chabrier),  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra  
(1837).

8 p.m.—Local Time.  
8-9-11-30 p.m.—Relay from Kō  
Shing Theatre.

11-30 p.m.—Close Down.  
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

Four sisters and a brother have met for the first time for 30 years in the Surrey village of Chiddingfold. All five are aged more than 70. The total of their ages is 380.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

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## Social Functions.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

## Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:  
"The Smiling Lieutenant."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:  
"The Hottentot."

To-day—Central Theatre:  
"Up for Murder."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:  
"Illusion."

To-day—Star Theatre:  
"Madam Satan."

Friday—"Miss Hook of Holland,"  
Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

## Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Felix Roussel); Outward Coolidge 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward from Europe via San Francisco (Asama Maru) 8.30 a.m.; via Siberia (Spinx) 2.30 p.m.

DOCTOR TO HANG FOR WIFE  
MURDER.Self-Inflicted Wound As A  
Vain Bluff.

Dr. Josef Mayer has been found guilty at Eger, about 30 miles from Carlsbad, of murdering his wife, and has been sentenced to death by hanging.

Last January two men found Dr. Mayer, with a slight bullet wound in his leg and leaning against a tree, on the road from the village of Tachernoschin to Marienbad.

Near him was his car, and beside it his wife dead with two bullet wounds in her head.

The doctor's explanation was that they had quarrelled; that she had snatched his revolver from his pocket; shot him in the leg and then shot herself.

The doctor, however, had many debts and his wife's life was insured for £2,500. One shot at least was fired from behind Mrs. Mayer. The prosecution alleged that, to avert suspicion, Mayer shot himself in the leg.

The trial caused tremendous interest in Czechoslovakia, where a doctor has never previously been charged with murder.

## GANGSTER'S FIANCEE.

Diamond's Sweetheart  
Found.

Marion Roberts, the red-haired sweetheart of Jack "Legs" Diamond, the gangster, has been "located" by a New York newspaper, thus disposing of reports that the ex-chorus girl had been murdered on suspicion of betraying the secrets of gangland.

It was said that she had promised to appear, if wanted, to answer a charge of participating in the torture of Grover Parks, a lorry driver, with her gangster lover, at Cairo, New York State.

Marion was with Diamond in a New York hotel when rival gangsters made a savage attempt on his life, from which he has never really recovered.

"Crocodile" tears rolled down Jack Diamond's face when in August he was sentenced to four years in a penitentiary for violating the Prohibition law and operating an illicit distillery. The sentence was accompanied by a fine of £2,200.

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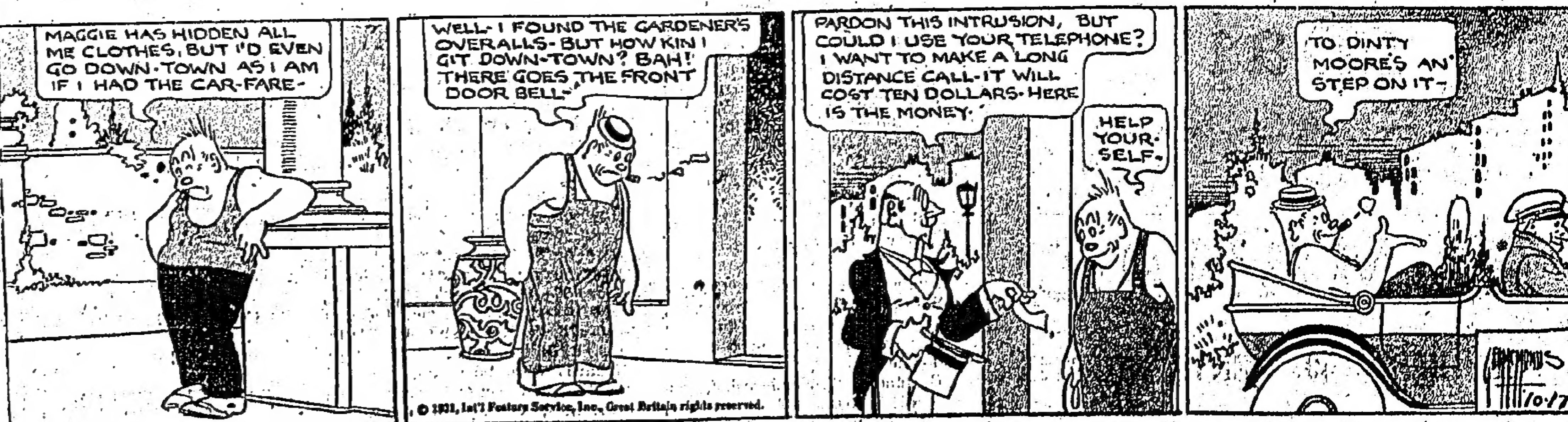
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### CHARACTERISTIC OF DON BRADMAN.

Scores 219 Off South African Attack.

#### BIG NEW SOUTH WALES TOTAL.

Sydney, Yesterday. The South Africans were forced to do a little leather hunting to-day when they met the strong New South Wales eleven. The home side batted first and at the close of play had scored 446 for the loss of eight wickets.

Don Bradman, Australia's pride, rattled up 219 in a characteristic innings which lasted 234 minutes. Fifteen boundaries were the result of his free hitting all round the wicket. Hird at the close was undefeated with 76 to his credit.—Reuter.

### SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF.

The following have been selected to represent "The Civilians" against "The Army" on the Sookunpoo ground this Saturday at 3.45 p.m. sharp:—

Rodger (Club); Martin (Kowloon); S. Strange (Club); Hedley (Kowloon); McKelvie (captain) (Kowloon); Bliss (Kowloon); B. Gosano (Recrelo); Segelan (Club); Howe (Club); A. V. Gorano (Recrelo); and C. Pile (Police). Reserves: Moss (Police), Brittain (Police), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), and Skinner (Club). White skirts will be provided at the Sookunpoo dressing room. Referee: R.P.O. Darlington. Linesmen: L/Bdr. Brown, R.A., and Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

The following have been selected to represent "England" against "Scotland" on Christmas Day, December 25, on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, kick off at 3.30 p.m. sharp:—

Fogwell (Club); Dixon (Navy); S. Strange (Club); Hedley (Kowloon) (captain); Shirras (Navy); Elias (Kowloon); Robertson (Navy); Moss (Police); Howe (Club); Rawson (Navy); and Skinner (Navy).

Reserves: Martin (Kowloon), Skinner (Club), and Timberlake (Kowloon).

Referee: P.O. Dibb. Linesmen: R.P.O. Billing and R.P.O. Darlington.

On Boxing Day, December 26, Wales will meet Portugal on the Hong Kong Club ground, kick off at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

Referee: Mr. A. E. Allen, R.N. Linesmen: L/Bdr. Brown, R.A., and E.R.A. Anderson, R.N.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. against H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, to-day at 5.15 p.m.:—

L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, E. O. Murphy; F. Allen, R. A. Bates, F. S. W. Smith; J. J. Ferguson, G. C. Burnett, D. McLellan, F. Selk, and T. J. Price.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Rugby Club against the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on the Club ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow at 5 p.m.:—

L. D. Skinner; T. S. D. Whitley, G. C. Burnett, D. F. Kilby, J. J. Ferguson; D. Black, D. J. S. Crozier; L. W. Tippet, J. E. Wilson, Dr. J. E. H. Cogan; S. Macnider, J. Riddell, G. G. Bonham, A. Walters and S. Hardy.

Reserve: H. Owen Davies.

Against the H.K.S.R.A. on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow, the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven will be represented by the following:

G. Duncan; W. Woodward, J. Rodger; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand, E. V. Reed; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, J. L. Tetley, and T. J. Price.

### DONCASTER AGAIN IN DRAWN GAME.

Second Replay Against Barrow.

#### EXTRA TIME UNAVAILING.

London, Yesterday. In their second replay in the first round of the Association Cup, Doncaster again drew with Barrow after extra time. The match was played on Manchester City's ground and produced two goals.—Reuter.

### Our Sports Diary.

#### LOCAL

TENNIS—To-day—Mrs. Wills-Moody v. E. C. Fincher; Mrs. Wills-Moody and M. W. Lo v. Rumjahn cousins at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

HOCKEY—To-day—Y.M.C.A. v. H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships at King's Park.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m.

RACING—Saturday—Fourteenth Extra Meeting at Happy Valley.

FOOTBALL—To-day—H.K.F.A. Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday—Lai Wah Cup—Army v. Civilians; Division II—Club v. University; Navy v. Borderers; 12th Battery v. Argyle; R.A.O.C. v. Kowloon; Division III—St. Joseph's v. R.A.F.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank v. Kowloon Rugby Club at Happy Valley.

Saturday—Club v. Navy at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

GOLF—Thursday—R.H.K.G.C. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Sunday—R.H.K.G.C. Championship Third Round and Semi-Final.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Closing Day at Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Unwinding of the Record Book at 3 p.m.

CRICKET—Saturday—League II—C.C.C. v. R.E. & R.C.S.; Friends—Senior—Navy v. I.R.C.; University v. C.S.C.C.; H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Junior—C.S.C.C. v. University; K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; I.R.C. v. Recrelo.

### LADIES' YACHTING RESULTS.

#### Fifth Championship of Season.

The fifth ladies' championship race was sailed from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday, and resulted as follows:—

Course—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Mark Boat (S), Mark on Line (S), Cust Rock Mark Boat (S). Distance: 5.8 miles.

"H" Class.

Rolla (Mrs. Sheldon) ..... 1 19  
Slakin (Miss Mackie) ..... 1 34  
Diana (Mrs. Bingham) ..... 3 18  
Argulla (Mrs. Pearce) ..... 5 20  
Dorothea (Miss Blake) ..... 4 18  
Colleen (Miss Naessen) ..... 6 18

"P", "Y" & "G" Class.

Daphne (Mrs. Stokes) ..... 1 50  
Alisa (Mrs. Lambert) ..... 2 54  
Why Wonder? (Mrs. Fowler) ..... 7 37  
Bluejacket (Mrs. Adams) ..... 3 50  
Boojum (Mrs. Pickering) ..... 4 50  
Speedwell (Mrs. Stewart) ..... 4 47  
Eunice (Miss Rose) ..... 5 44  
Joan (D.N.F.) ..... - 10

### CAPTAIN'S CUP AT FANLING.

H. Hampton Qualifies on Old Course.

In the Captain's Cup played at Fanling on December 5 and 6 on the old course H. Hampton with a score of 84-14=70, qualified.

Other scores included: K. K. Rounds 88-18=73; J. H. MacKnight 88-12=74; D. S. Robb 84-10=74; C. Mycock 80-16=74; and G. R. Horridge 82-7=76.

37 cards were taken out.

On the new course Surg. Lt. Comdr. E. J. K. Weeks 85-15=70 qualified and H. H. Pathick returned 98-18=76.

18 cards were taken out.

### KENT SUCCESSFUL AT BILLIARDS.

Defeat Stonecutters by Big Margin.

#### FIRST ROUND RESULT.

The second match in the first round of the Ng Sze-kwong Billiards Challenge Cup tournament was held in the Sailors & Soldiers' Home, last night, when H.M.S. Kent beat Stonecutters Wireless Station, by 250 points.

Full results were as follow:—

H.M.S. Kent.	
Bandsman Coulson	160
L/Stoker Cumliffe	160
Marine Winter	160
S.B. Petty Officer Wilson	150
L. Seaman Holden	140
Total	740
Stonecutters Wireless Station.	
Telegraphist Griffiths	111
E.R.A. Thornton	104
Telegraphist Dwyer	55
E.A. Rickard	70
Telegraphist Hanwell	150
Total	490

The next match will be played on Friday, December 11, at 7 p.m., between the Royal Engineers and H.M.S. Tamar.

### LADIES AT LAWN BOWLS.

Yacht Club's Narrow Win Over Taikoo.

An interesting lawn bowls contest was held yesterday at the Yacht Club between teams of ladies representing the R.H.K. Yacht Club and Taikoo, over 15 heads. The result was a win for the Yacht Club by two shots.

Yacht Club. Taikoo.

Heads	Shots	Total	Shots	Total
1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1
9	1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1
11	1	1	1	1
12	1	1	1	1
13	1	1	1	1
14	1	1	1	1
15	1	1	1	1

### RADIO DEFEAT THEIR NEAREST RIVALS.

One Goal Robs Signals of Both Points.

The Radio Sports Club defeated the Royal Corps of Signals in a return match in the Mamak Hockey Tournament on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday by a goal to nil. G. Singh scored the only goal of the game.

The table of the Mamak Tournament to date is as under:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio S.C.	4	3	0	1	0	1	7
R.E. & R.C.S.	4	2	0	7	4	4	4
St. Andrew's	2	1	0	2	4	4	4
Incognitos	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
C.B. Assoc.	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Police	2	1	2	0	2	4	2
R.A.S.C.	5	0	5	0	2	15	0

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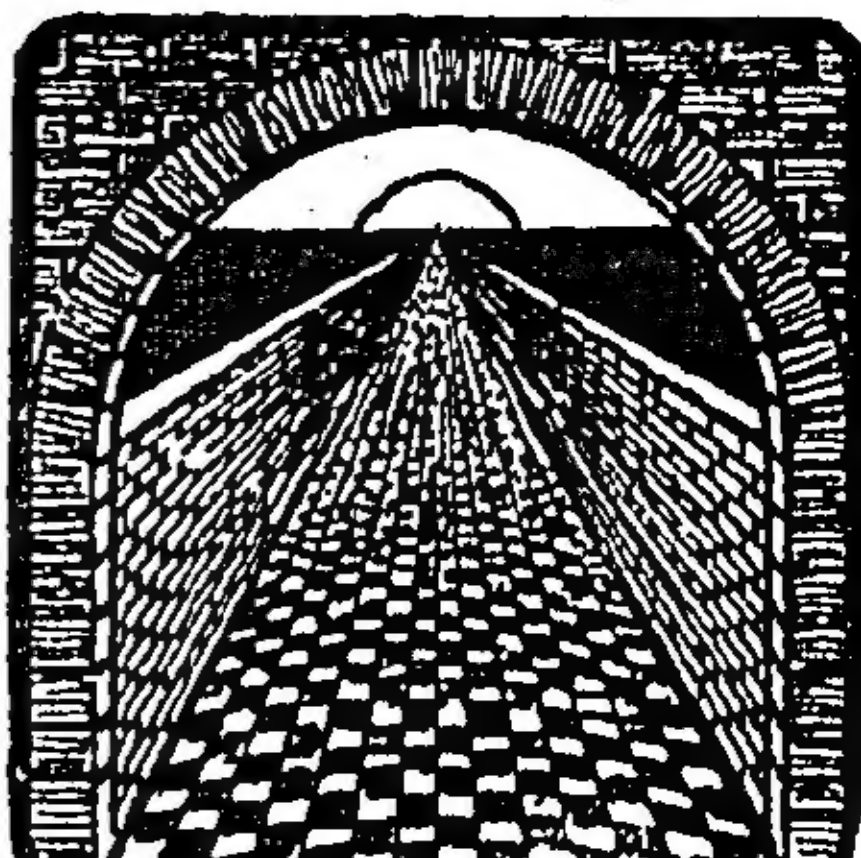
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## JOE LAWSON MAKES DE VILLIERS FORCED TO BLUSH.

£81,455 Winnings Break 42-Year-Old Record.

### GOLDEN HAIR'S SUCCESS.

Turf history was made at Kempton Park recently, for by the success of the Golden Hair colt in the Imperial Produce Stakes, Joe Lawson, the Manton trainer, brought his winnings for the season up to date to £81,455. He thus beats the record established by the late George Dawson, whose horses won 77,129 sovs in stakes in the season 1889.

Lawson has held a trainer's licence for only four years, though he has been connected with the famous Manton stable for 33 years. With seven weeks of the season remaining, it is within the realm of possibility for Lawson to increase his total to 100,000 sovs. At all events, he will put up figures which may never be surpassed.

### Not a Classic.

In figures, the records of George Dawson and Lawson, closely analysed, vary slightly, but the wonder of Lawson's performance is shown by the fact that not a single "classic" race has been won by inmates of his establishment, or even the valuable Eclipse Stakes.

George Dawson was vouchsafed two wonderful money-spinners in Donovan (£38,666) and Ayrshire (£20,665). Lawson's total has been reached by all-round consistency.

No wonder enthusiasts are ascribing a new man of mark has arisen in training circles. Results which collect prizes value £81,455 pay striking tribute to Lawson's painstaking endeavour, and are not likely to be surpassed for some considerable time.

### Golden Hair's Share.

As befits a Gainsborough, the gem of Lawson's collection, the Golden Hair colt, regarded as the best two-year-old since Ormonde's days, is the greatest contributor to this colossal sum with £15,438, the outcome of four victories. Already, as a result of his impressive performances, Mr. Singer's colt is being heralded as next year's Derby winner. There is not the least reason why the Golden Hair colt should not train on into a stayer of the first order. If so, and granted immunity from ill-health and accident, the colt eventually may surpass the deeds of Australia's wonder horse Phar Lap, and the American-owned Sun Beau, who have credited their owners with upwards of £50,000 in stake money.

Sunny Devon's Ascot success was worth £7,600, while but for the intervention of Cameronian in the Derby and Sandwich in the St. Leger, Orpen's winnings of £6,454 would have been increased to the extent of £20,000.

### Four Seasons' Returns.

Lawson would be the first to admit that he has been vouchsafed the right material in the shape of the highest class of thoroughbred on which to work. But racehorses may possess the highest quality and yet fail to achieve results if injudiciously treated. That Lawson works upon the right lines is evident by the last four seasons' returns, which are as follows:

	Horses.	Races.	£
1928	31	46	37,210
1929	23	34	31,715
1930	25	42	36,349
1931	31	58	81,455

This brief record pays tribute to Lawson's excellent judgment in the preparation of his charges which should enable him to maintain the highest standard of his calling for many years to come. There is no secret of his success, which is aptly summed up by a brief remark of Mr. Gerald Deane, the manager of Lord Astor's stud and horses, to the effect that "No two men can train a racehorse. The training of every horse at Manton is left to Lawson."

Apparently this also is the considered opinion of Lord Astor, Mr. E. S. Tattersall, Mr. W. M. Singer, Mr. W. M. Carrol, Mr. M. Colmann, Sir John Rathford, Brig. Gen. the Hon. C. Lambton, Mr. A. R. Cox, Hon. Mr. R. Watson, Mr. Ronald Tree, and Sir Cecil Chubb, all patrons of Manton, and who are content to allow Lawson to "pull the strings," which he does in so magnificent a manner.

## Springboks Received at the Palace.

### BESPECTACLED PLAYER.

The Springboks, the team of South African Rugby footballers who are touring Britain, were recently received by the King at Buckingham Palace. They have also been received by the Prince of Wales.

The King, who used to attend the Rugby internationals at Twickenham, chatted with the visitors for nearly 15 minutes, and expressed his regret that, because of his health, he did not think that he would be able to see them play.

The King noticed Pierre de Villiers, the fragile-framed little South African half-back, overshadowed by some of the stalwart African forwards.

"Surely you are not one of the players," commented the King, glancing from De Villiers to the bulky figure of Boy Louw, to H. M. Forrest, a bespectacled 16-stone standing by his side.

"Yes, sir, I'm the scrum half," nervously replied De Villiers.

"He's so small, sir, he is able to hide round the scrum," commented one of the other players, while the King, to the delight of the team, continued to notice the blushing De Villiers.

De Villiers is exceedingly popular with the team and for all his small stature and delicate appearance has the reputation of being a most determined tackler, as many big forwards have discovered when they have attempted to fend him off.

"I'm sure you don't play in glasses," was another observation made by the King to H. M. Forrest, a bespectacled 16-stone forward.

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL FATALITY.

### West Point Star Laid Low.

New Haven, Conn. Cadet Richard Sheridan, the President of the second-year class at Union States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, has died at New Haven (Conn.) from injuries received during the Yale and Army football game at the Yale Bowl which ended in a six-all tie.

Until his injury made necessary his removal from the game, Cadet Sheridan was a potent factor in the play for West Point.

## YALE WIN 'VARSITY ENCOUNTER.

### Harvard Lose Their First Match.

Cambridge (Mass.), Nov. 21. In the inter-varsity football match played here to-day Yale beat Harvard by 3 points to nil. All predictions were swept by the board by the mighty atom of Yale's diminutive captain, Albie Booth, who, with a field goal sent 57,000 fans roaring and gesticulating with excitement. Yale by winning the Jubilee match of the series inflicted their first defeat of the season on Harvard.

### FANLING GOLF.

### Draw for Captain's Cup.

The following is the draw for the 1st round of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, to be played over Fanling on or before January 3, 1932:

Lt-Col. E. D. Matthews (9) v. J. E. Richardson (13).  
W. C. Shields (13) v. A. C. I. Bowker (8).  
R. M. Wood (17) v. Capt. J. H. Anderson (5).  
F. Black (16) v. C. W. F. Booker (6).  
J. W. Mayhew (13) v. P. Morrison (14).  
H. Hampton (11) v. Capt. W. Davison (12).

Surg. Lt. Comdr. E. J. K. Weeks (12) v. S. J. H. Fox (9).  
Comdr. G. F. Hojo (18) v. R. M. Henderson (12).  
2nd round to be played on or before January 19, 1932.  
Semi-final to be played on or before February 10, 1932.  
Final to be played on or before February 28, 1932.

## W. T. TILDEN AT THE A NATION UNITED BY SLOGANS.

### Queen's.

### Slow Motion Shots of a Genius.

### THE WORLD'S BEST.

Tennis Technique by William T. Tilden, which is being presented at the Queen's Theatre, will prove most popular to all tennis enthusiasts, for what greater interest could there be than that which surrounds the world's greatest player—the ex-champion of amateur tennis and the professional champion at the moment?

For ten minutes I was held spellbound by the artistry of Tilden, the simplicity with which he executes his shots and, above all, the power he imparts into every stroke of his wide repertoire. It was an object lesson to any player aspiring to greatness.

In a short talk with two beginners Tilden emphasised two big factors which bring success keeping the eye on the ball in the course of every stroke and using the right grips for the various strokes. Slow motion shots of him in action reveal the perfect rhythm of his movements and in the grand finale—a knock out with a useful opponent—all his strokes are displayed to advantage.

Practice, explained Tilden, is the foundation of success. "A champion is not born but is made." He was confident that any person with the essential physical attributes could by constant study of the game become a player of well above the average standard; could, in fact, reach championship status. There is only one fault with the film from the tennis player's point of view—it is too short.

## BOY OF SIXTEEN AS MURDERER.

### Killed Father Because He Was Strict.

Without showing the slightest sign of emotion, Johann Thietz, a boy of 16, related in the Children's Court at Essen how and why he murdered his own father.

Although he was 16, he said, his father continued to exercise strict control over his life, just as if he were still a child. This irritated him intensely.

"One day," went on the boy, "I determined to kill my father. I entered his bedroom in the middle of the night and struck him on the head with a hatchet as he lay in bed asleep. I struck several blows."

Doctors testified that Johann was quite a normal boy but was "liable to get excited."

When the Court pronounced sentence of five years' detention Johann remained quite unmoved.

### HIS NECK TWICE BROKEN.

### Back At Work After Months Of Agony.

A man who fell some months ago from a shop roof on to steel plates in the G.W.R. works, Swindon, and broke his neck in two places, is now doing light duty in the works, as though he had never received the fractures.

He is Mr. Noel Burton, aged 54. After the accident he was taken to the G.W.R. Medical Fund Hospital where, under the direction of Mr. H. H. Greenwood, the senior surgeon, he was skillfully treated.

Then came months of agony in a specially-constructed frame, which kept his head in position. Hope of recovery was never given up, and presently the patient began to revive.

Only a man of exceptional physical stamina could have survived the ordeal.

### SHAM FUNERAL TRAGEDY.

Death by suffocation was the fate of the ten-year-old son of a Polish peasant of Bohrowo while playing at a funeral with his two younger brothers, says a Reuter message from Warsaw.

The boys dug a hole, and the eldest with a cloth over his head lay down in it while the others shovelled earth on top of him. When they uncovered him a few minutes later he was dead.

### RELEASED FROM HIS VOW.

By flying solo for the first time at Manchester Airport, a young Indian, Mr. D. P. Aranha, an electrical engineering student at Wigan, was released from a vow made several weeks ago that he would not shave until he could pilot a machine.

## Scientific Attack on Modern America.

### WORSHIP OF SUCCESS.

An indictment of modern America is contained in "Civilisation" (Hamilton, 15s.), just published. Its author, Dr. George A. Dorsey, died within an hour of having made his final corrections of typescript. It is through the eyes of a scientist that Dr. Dorsey looks on his own country. He says:

As a nation we are not comfortable or happy, sane or sound. Crime and vice are freely and openly committed; inequality before the law, injustice in our social, economic and political institutions, and stupidity in our educational system are, all things considered, the worst in the history of the world.

As a nation, we are united in nothing but name, held together by slogans, and the opportunity to amass wealth. Our neighbours hate, fear and mistrust us, and we pity and despise our neighbours; and our national smugness is paralleled only by our ignorance of our neighbours.

In spite of automobile, telephone and radio, certain communities in America are as inert and isolated as Uganda, and their prejudices more exploited by their masters.

Our national culture-complex is salesmanship. Salesmanship is our national religion; the fact that so many people are indifferent to the blessings of our civilisation is our national bedevilment.

We have outdone our immediate ancestors in our capacity to manipulate our physical environment, and to project our voice, bodies and chattels across space.

### "Honouring" A Stunt.

Dr. Dorsey goes on to say that "success" in America is worshipped to an extent that is astounding and borders on insanity, and can only spring from a diseased society.

A city of seven million people that thinks nothing of "honouring" some perfectly useless, foolhardy stunt with a hundred-thousand-dollar parade passing within a block of a bread-line a mile long, and calmly accepts degeneracy, bribery, corruption, graft, poverty, insanity, dirt, confusion, murder, robbery, crime-breeding tenements, and more million-dollar-a-year incomes than all the rest of the world, is as far from being a healthy social organisation as a richly-dressed, hump-backed leper. That humpback may be a success, but in the name of common sense, let us not call him Progress; and if we speak of him as Civilisation, let us make certain we are not deceiving ourselves.

America, Dr. Dorsey finds, boasts of its motorcars and its radio sets but shrugs its shoulders at its criminals and lunatics, with the remark, "Forget it! Aren't we the people? Look at our science!"

### Civilisation.

"Many of us still think of civilisation in terms of exports, and cannot conceive of the world as civilised until every family has at least one motorcar and two suits of clothes. Some people even think civilisation impossible without motorcars and clothes."

Alluding to "radio piffle" that is delivered hour by hour, Dr. Dorsey goes on:

Just now we seem to be dominated by a trinity of Authorities: movie cars and society dames, on what to smoke, eat, drink, wear, and sleep on; billionaire capitalists, on everything relating to government and business; and Nobel Prize winners in physics, on everything relating to life.

"I am proud to be an American," exclaims Dr. Dorsey, "but I am even prouder to be a human being, and our nationalism to-day, it seems to me, is humanity's greatest enemy, civilisation's greatest threat. 'Nor is that fact to be brushed aside by branding me traitor, or sneered out of court, as Utopian, or contrary to economic or natural law, or divine providence.'"

### Witty Phrases.

But this attack on America represents only a comparatively small portion of an enormous book that is illuminated by witty and pungent phrases. Here are some of the author's sayings:

In a way a brain is like a motorcar. It may be used to go somewhere, or it may be used just for a ride.

This world was not originally peopled by idiots or solitary males, as we sometimes seem to imagine, but by families, human families—parents, and the baby.

It is "lip service" when we make the sign of the cross with a hand that has just thrown a brick. The amount of lip service at large in our civilisation is staggering, and possibly an insupportable burden.

To-day we do not have to do any thinking: the radio tells us what to do, be, wear, eat, and believe.

Ape behaviour in a zoo is zoo-apo behaviour; unnatural, artificial. But aren't we in a zoo, and isn't our behaviour unnatural and artificial?

Failure to win a medal or be decorated caused more grief in the world-war than failure to win a battle.

This age, which makes it possible for a man to fly like an angel and talk like a streak of lightning, makes it profitable for him to think like a hog and act like a racketeer.

We live in a social order which primarily views us as purchasers and taxpayers in time of peace, and in war as machines on two legs which can carry arms and are run by internal combustion engines requiring nothing but food and water.

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### BOY'S SUICIDE FOR A LOST SCHOOLBOOK.

Because he had lost a schoolbook, and was afraid he would be punished, an eight-year-old boy in Velky Beckerk, Prague, has committed suicide. He was found hanging in his father's cattle shed.

In spite of the rigours of a British Autumn, Mahatma Gandhi is going into the diplomatic conference with a big advantage over his adversaries, having no shirt to lose. Kansas City, Star.

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### APPEAL TO WOMEN.

### Special Car Decoration Scheme At Olympia.

[By Norman W. Rae.]

London, October 22. There is much to interest women at the Motor Show at Olympia.

Most cars have fittings specially designed for the woman driver. They are tastefully decorated to suit her and many are fitted with "ladies' companions" and that mirror she desires to use at the end of a drive.

### Colour Schemes.

Manufacturers are always ready to demonstrate the special seating arrangements made for the comfort of women drivers, and many coach-builders seem to have built their cars to please the woman critic. Some car interiors could well be described as boudoirs.

The colour schemes are envied by artists. There are cars in pale green, in pale blue, and in rainbow colours done in harmonious style. There are no "futurist" colour schemes—the coach-builder has striven rather after quiet and pleasing designs.

Several cars are fitted with a jacking system which makes wheel changing an easy task, and one-shot lubrication also helps to lighten the burdens of car maintenance.

The galleries are full of gadgets that make an appeal to the woman driver. There are coats, gloves, hats and feet muffs designed to make winter motoring more comfortable. Cigarette lighters, hammock-nets for parcels, mascots and hairpin boxes are displayed.

On one stand there is a jack which a child could operate, and it is of ideal use where four-wheel jacks are not fitted. Some women drivers dread driving into garages. Even they are catered for. Gadgets fixed to the garage roof show exactly how far it is safe to drive in a car before damaging the wings.

Garage Lamps. Devices for keeping an engine warm during frosty nights are on many stands. Unless a garage is warmed it is necessary, if easy starting of the engine is desired, to introduce some type of lamp to keep the temperature above freezing point. Evening Standard.

### WHY THE LETTERS WERE LATE.

These things are all in the life of a postman on the mountain trails of Northern Canada, says Reuter's Edmonton (Alberta) correspondent.

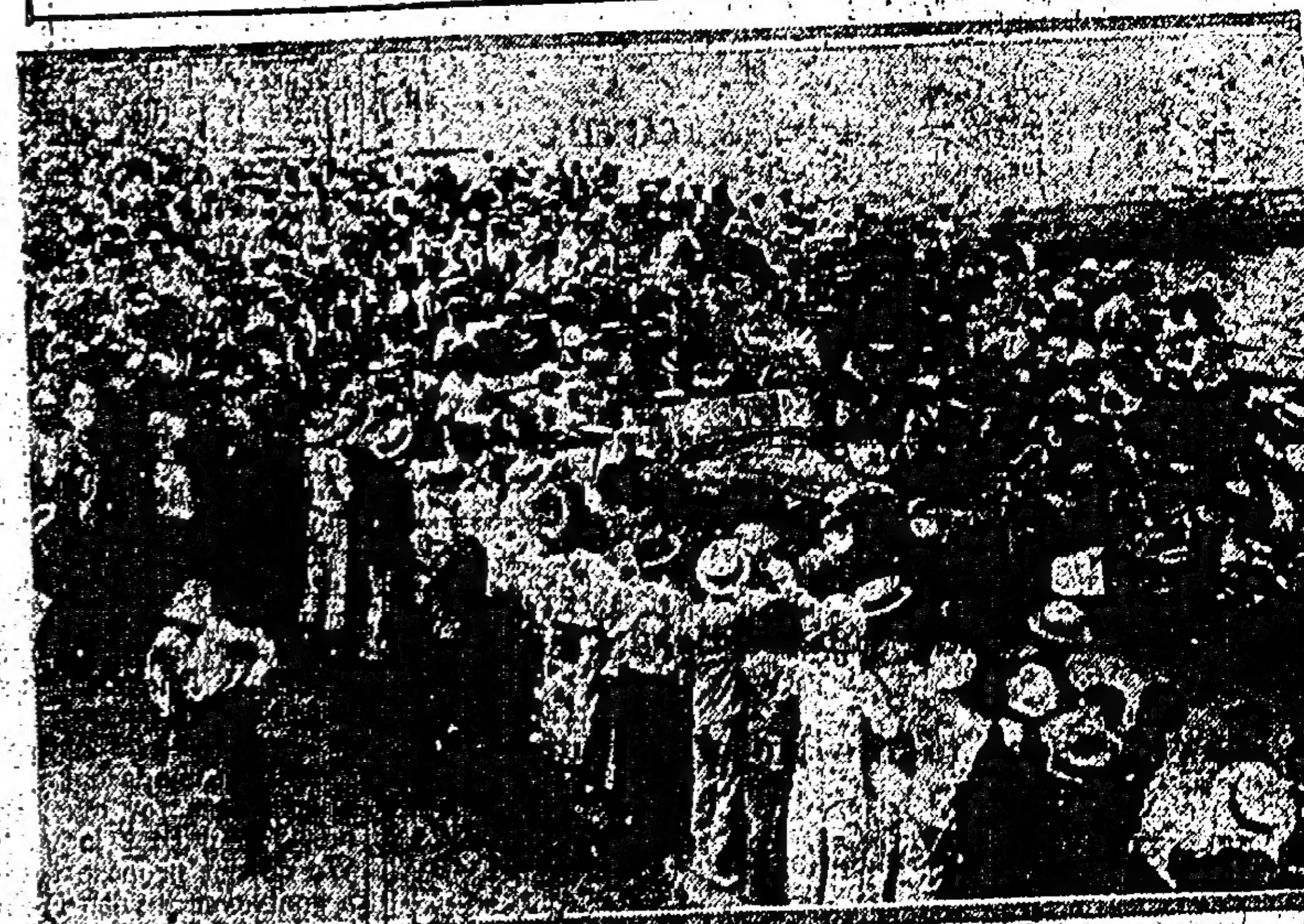
A carrier named Pasceca was going his round with a pack-pony on a mountain road in Northern Alberta. Suddenly a grizzly bear barred their way.

The pony turned and bolted. Pasceca drew his revolver and killed the bear. After a 20-mile trek he recaptured his pony. Then he continued his round.

The mail was only 12 hours late.

If a person has not got the brains to make the Bible as interesting to his congregation as a poor writer of fiction can be, then he is not doing his job right. Mr. Edgar Wallace.

### FAMOUS FLYERS IN JAPAN



Japan greets Transpacific flyers—Lewie and Charles A. Lindbergh—on their arrival in Tokyo, and the progress of their tour related by enthusiastic Japanese and American alike.



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## The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1931.

### Irritational Geneva.

We were told last week that Government's policy upon the social problem in Hong Kong had crystallised, and that it had been officially announced that all brothels were to be abolished, as soon as practicable. And for this indefinite announcement of policy—"as soon as practicable"—Government has been lauded. We shall not burn a pinch of incense at the shrine for two reasons. First, timidity deserves no applause. Second, the policy adopted is irrational and so, again, deserves no support. We recognise, of course, that in this matter the Government of Hong Kong is acting under orders from Home. At least we understand this to be the case, and hope that it is not a voluntary piece of legislation. We believe it to be a ripple caused by a stone cast, by busybodies at Geneva, into the pond of social life. Like the stone the ripples will cease to be observed, and like the stone, the irrational effort will be swallowed by the waters of ineffectualness.

It is never untimely to discuss this aspect of our social life, and the more rationally, and even nakedly, without pornographic limits, it is discussed the better. We are convinced that much harm is done by dealing timidously with the subject; by investing it with an opaque atmosphere which, humans being what they are (and not what visionaries would like them to be) will probe out of sheer curiosity, and, unprepared for that which is to be revealed, in many cases, come to grief.

The theme, therefore, today is prostitution primarily, and the broader aspect of sexual intercourse without the pale of matrimony—Church or Registry. Other newspapers subscribe wholeheartedly to the proposed legislation, and support the method to be employed. Also, they have made out a seemingly strong case for even the timorous action that is to be taken. We do not propose to enter into a controversy with them or with anybody else, but do intend to place before readers the other side of the picture. It seems against the proposed legislation hopeless, to-day, to protest or to plead for thinking along

rational lines in this matter. Nevertheless, we shall make our protest and set forth our plea in the hope that next year, some time, but not never, will humans learn to be the rational beings one has a right to expect them to be.

As a newspaper said, "Opinions will differ." We differ. In the matter of prostitution, there are those who would have every brothel closed (as is to be done here, if practicable), prostitution made illegal, and the prostitute and her partner declared to be criminals of the worst type. One can but marvel at such crabbed mentality, such intolerable intolerance, and such utter respectability. Does not Shaw say—"The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is"? Then, there are those who are opposed to the suppression of brothels, and who advocate control.

Let it not be thought that we approve of prostitution. We most certainly do not. Indeed, we regard prostitution as a social evil, and any scheme by which that evil may be lessened or eradicated will receive our earnest support. But we oppose bitterly all irrational busybodies and irrational nostrums, for they and these in themselves are more evil than the evil they elect to cure. Those who now write and think so irrationally on this subject, who favour to regulate the public's morals by means of legislation, will do well to acquaint themselves of what the world's foremost thinkers have to say about this matter. At any rate, they might give such opinions earnest consideration before talking wildly and lending support to a course of procedure that is failure in itself, because it ignores fundamental principles.

We quote at length from "Hymen or The Future of Marriage," of the To-day and Tomorrow series, for the benefit of those interested. This is what Dr. Norman Haire says:—

"There is scarcely a single subject relating to sex on which we seem capable of thinking and acting rationally, and our prejudices give rise to incalculable harm to Society. A flagrant example is the matter of prostitution. Instead of realizing that in the present state of Society, prostitution is inevitable, and doing our best to improve its conditions, we make the worst of it. I regard prostitution as a social evil, and have no desire to sing the praises of the women who earn their livelihood in this occupation; but I cannot subscribe to the almost incredible nonsense which is so frequently talked about prostitution and prostitutes. We are commonly told that prostitutes all belong to one type, and long lists of 'typical characteristics' are adduced in support

of the statement. In truth, prostitutes are just as different from one another as any other body of women engaged in one occupation. They present no more adherence to a common type than, say, hospital nurses or charwomen. A highly-coloured picture is drawn of the ultimate fate of the prostitute. She is described as degenerating after a few years into a drunken, diseased old hag, ending her days in misery and squalor. This picture is really true only of the prostitutes who have been a failure. Is she so very much worse off than a girl who has failed at domestic service or in any other occupation?

It is pointed out that the prostitute has to endure the embraces of drunken lovers. Is she so much worse off in this regard than the married woman who has to endure the embraces of a drunken husband?

Woman, as Mr. C. E. M. Joad has pointed out (See Transylvania, or The Future of Morals) has through the ages had two methods of livelihood open to her—Throughout the recorded history of civilization, the only recognized way for a woman to earn her own living has been through her body. Her body being her one saleable asset, she could employ it, in either of two ways. She could sell the use of it to one man for an indefinite period, or she could lease it to a number of men for short and strictly regulated periods. The first method is known as marriage; the second as prostitution. Are we justified in laying down a hard-and-fast rule that one method is, in itself, more 'moral' than the other? I grant that a wife who bears and rears a healthy family may be of more service to Society than any prostitute, but on the other hand one may well question whether the prostitute does Society more harm than a wife who bears and rears—or leaves Society with the burden of rearing—a family of physically or mentally defective children.

So long as we regard any activity as utterly degraded and contemptible, we tend to make it worse, by driving it into secrecy and by making the persons engaged in it feel that they are pariahs. If once we cease to regard the prostitute as a moral leper, she will, at any rate to some extent, regain her self-respect, and cease to regard Society as her enemy. And until we do this all our effort to stop the spread of venereal disease will be futile.

As lucid as it is bold, and without rational. It effectually dispels all the cant, all the humbug, all the conventional nonsense associated with this subject. Society has less to fear from the prostitute than from those who permit prejudice to dictate to reason.

If this problem is really to be tackled with hope of eradicating the evil inherent in it, then let it be tackled fearlessly and in the right manner. But let us cease to talk balderdash and to legislate balderdash. Let us face facts, however unpleasant they may be. By superficially treating the sore we encourage it to fester within and at some later date either poison the system or break out afresh elsewhere in a more aggravated form and more greatly to our annoyance and inconvenience. In order of merit, Society, our economic system, and lack of frank education, are actually responsible for the evils of prostitution.

### From Other Pens.

#### Queerer Choirs.

The pastor of Broadway Temple, New York, who asks his congregation to whistle rather than sing some popular hymns, with an idea of brightening the service, cannot claim to be quite original, for Calvary Reformed Church, Philadelphia, instituted some years ago a choir of boy whistlers which is said to have proved very effective. Even more daring was an experiment made at Lincoln Baptist Church, Cincinnati, where forty canaries were hung in cages about the church and trained to chirp to the accompaniment of the organ. Singing birds have also been tried in other American churches, but allowed to warble at will.—Manchester Guardian.

#### That Gold Shortage.

Another aspect of the great gold grab as practised by certain of our neighbours is presented by an account of a lawsuit in Budapest. A

## PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.

### OFFICIAL BAN ON SPITTING.

Government is to be lauded on the action it proposes to take, in this matter through the medium of the Sanitary Board. It is decidedly a step in the right direction, and only to be regretted that such a step was not taken before. But action without explanation, and by that I mean intensive propaganda, will bear little fruit. A very great deal has been written already on this nauseating habit, or disease, if you wish, so prevalent in Eastern lands, but that has been addressed directly to communities in which, of recent years, there has been a marked decline in the habit of spitting. Intensive propaganda, the value of which certain public bodies do not yet seem to be convinced, addressed directly to illiterate, less advanced and less educated members of backward communities should be embarked upon. Now that a start has been made with eating-houses, it is to be hoped that trains, tram-cars, ferries etc., will be tackled in turn. It will be some considerable while before we are able to reach the stage attained in Germany and certain other Continental countries, where spitting, except into receptacles provided, in the public streets is regarded in the light of an offence and promptly brings down upon the offender the chastising hand of the law. Such a stage, no doubt, will be reached some day. The great point now is that a start has been made.

### ACHATINA FULICA.

Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett, in the Hong Kong Naturalist for November, draws attention to the possible threat to Chinese agriculture through the discovery made this year of this land-snail in Amoy. That it may spread through a large part of China is to be expected, says Mr. Jarrett. That is more than probable having regard to this snail's history. If the snail should find its way into Hong Kong our beautiful gardens will suffer enormously. All interested in gardening are advised to read Mr. Jarrett's

article, and all who may find this snail anywhere in China will be doing a great service if they will communicate with the Editor, Hong Kong Naturalist, The University, Hong Kong, without delay.

### MODERN YOUTH.

Has been the subject and object of much vituperative criticism. Its shortcomings have been magnified and its most promising and encouraging characteristics belittled. And for some portion of this adverse criticism the clergy has been responsible. It is an encouraging sign, therefore, to come across a cleric who likes modern youth, its independence and daring. Says the Rev. W. Charter Pigott, president of the Congregational Union, Manchester, "I think the easier and freer companionship of the sexes is a very healthy thing." Precisely. "They show less outward respect for the authority of their elders than we did perhaps, they 'break away' sooner, but they have their own loyalties and truth. They do things openly that some of us of an earlier day did furtively. They are neither more nor less curious about life than we were, and they are less ignorant about some of its aspects...." Yes, the modern girl and the modern boy are decidedly likeable and pleasing expressions of life; they have evolved new standards, standards which ought to be directly encouraged rather than discouraged as is the fashion to-day.

### ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

This childish book, also work of social philosophy to the mature, has been made as a "talkie," and, in due course, may be expected to be screened in Hong Kong. The text has been strictly adhered to, so that all the fantasy and charm of the original has been preserved. More films of this nature are wanted, there is a real demand for them, if producers could only be made to realise that I am glad that they are beginning to realise it. To-day, and have under contemplation the making of other similar films, such as, Through the Looking Glass, Rip Van Winkle etc.

### DUELLISTS BLINDED.

#### Tragic Outcome Of Quarrel Over A Woman.

One of the most remarkable duels ever fought has just taken place at Afragola, near Naples. The duellists were each 22 years of age, and each was named Jazetta, though they are not related. They agreed to settle their quarrel with shotguns loaded with small shot. Having taken up their positions, they fired simultaneously. No further exchange of shots was possible, for both duellists were blinded.

A woman was the cause of the quarrel.

### To-day's Thought.

Some men are known in history only because they failed to live up to the opportunity presented to them.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 8, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

At St. John's Cathedral next Sunday, at 11 a.m., there will be a special Thanksgiving for the Irish Agreement for which prayers have been offered for many months past. The Bishop of Victoria will be the preacher and will at the same service dedicate the new rosette which has been erected in the Cathedral in the memory of Mr. Edward Bowdler by his widow.

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## THE ELECTION IN OUR VILLAGE.

By T. A.

We take the election very seriously in our village. It is no circus, no music-hall turn, I can assure you.

It means a two-mile walk in the dark through the pines for some of us, and then along an unlit road where the Autumn leaves scampers behind us like a troop of little dancing devils in the night. On meeting evenings the village, normally pent within doors, is unusually astir. Even in these flashlamp days some of our village women emerge from garden gates bobbing old-fashioned lanterns, just as their grandmothers did.

If we like, we can walk another mile or two from one institute to the next and hear the candidate's same speech, word-perfect, twice within one hour. A second time we hear him say: "Every two minutes the Labour Government was in power three men lost their employment." A second time we hear him confess, with a reminiscent smile: "I do not pretend to have been among those who specially admired Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the past, but—" A second time we hear that earnest warning about "committing commercial suicide in a fit of political insanity."

On the second occasion, perhaps, the candidate catches your eye, and smiles sadly, wistfully, as if to imply: "Of course, I know you've heard all this before, but if you will attend two meetings in one night you mustn't expect me to rehearse two separate speeches, each word-perfect, just for your benefit...."

The institute is a great bare hall with whitewashed brick-and-stone walls, worn old beams above, an imposing array of half-burnt and dusty flags. There are Victorian prints, tuppence-coloured, of famous battles of history with stanch ranks of redcoats standing four-square amid the smoke of a disorderly rabble of an enemy; echoes of a far-off age when soldiering was soldiering. Over the platform, below Coronation paintings of the King and Queen, is an inscription in bold lettering:

Let rich and poor their voices blend.  
In blessings on their King and friend.

The place is lit by one hanging lamp, one table lamp on top of a piano, and humble wall-lamps such as country housewives use in sculleries. The hanging lamp has a smoke-guard which swings frantically in the heat from the flame, making a squeaking noise. And the more eloquent the speaker waxes the more it swings and squeaks, making its shadow dance on the ceiling.

The gentry occupy the front seats—although in these days, what with retired City magnates, ruralized townsmen, Arcadian authors, keepers of guest-houses, and keepers of riding-stables and kennels, it is difficult to distinguish where the gentry leave off and the commoners begin. The unmistakable commoners, ranged on forms at the back and side, are mostly employees on the squire's estate, of which this hall was originally the home-farm barn, centuries old.

The chairman of the first meeting, a lord, contented himself with graciously introducing the candidate in a few words. The chairman of this one, not a lord but an astute City veteran who believes in the "firm hand in the East," doesn't mean to be just an umpire; he means to go in and bat.

"I know I'm supposed to be in the chair," he remarks humorously, "but unfortunately the chair isn't big enough for me, so if you don't mind I'll come down to you. I never can speak from this height."

## PEER AT A PAGEANT.

### "Patches Up" The Differences Of American And Britain.

Lord Cornwallis "patched up the differences between Great Britain and the United States" at the pageant in Philadelphia, in which the success of the American colonists against the British soldiers in the War of Independence was celebrated.

Lord Cornwallis symbolised the event by shaking hands with Mr. W. Sheldon (Washington), the great-grand-nephew of the general who

prevailed in the decisive battle of the War of Independence, the taking of Yorktown.

Lord Cornwallis's humour captivated his audience. They were particularly pleased when he said that he saw no reason why British feelings should be hurt by the enactment of the scene portraying the surrender of Yorktown.

The Duke of York opened the new Manor Hospital at Golden Green, N.W., on October 22, and the Duchess of York, the same day, visited Oxford and received an honorary degree.

## WHERE THE DEAD SIT UP.

### Death Dance of the Haka Chins.

#### PRIMEVAL CUSTOMS.

Away in the Chin Hills of Burma is to be found a little community of people known as the Haka Chins, and their primeval customs make interesting study, writes Beatrice Oliver in The Statesman. There when a man dies and an animal is sacrificed for his funeral, his corpse is attired in gay clothing and the dead man sits up in state for a day before burial. A fowl is killed to provide food for his spirit, and afterwards the flesh, together with the utensil used to cook it, is thrown on to the *huan shire*—the leper's burial ground, outside the village; but if a man dies and his relations cannot afford to kill an animal for the funeral, he is buried next day without any celebration at all, and never is the deceased above ground for more than two nights.

These strange people are careful to provide their dead with what they consider the immediate necessities for use in the next world. A blanket, puggie and waist-cloth, and a bag and knife are usually laid in the grave but these provisions depend, of course, on the status of the dead man. Sometimes brass pots, the much treasured gong, beads, and a gun are considered necessary, and an important Chief would have his saddle placed in his grave, while his pony would be killed by his slave.

There is no ceremony about the burial of a new-born baby. It is merely placed in a pot and buried in the ground, unless the dead child is a first-born, and then, should it die after ten days, a large pig is sacrificed, but nothing is placed in the grave. The property which is the female relations when the grave is opened to receive the next relative.

**Much Cooking.**  
Sometimes a widow will have a small hut built upon her husband's grave, and there she will live in mourning. Another will remain in her house to mourn, or sometimes a widow will return, after a day or two of mourning, to her relatives. Two of mourning, to her relatives. A Haka Chin widow may mourn her husband for as long as three years, and during all that time she will cook meals for the spirit of the dead man, in case, returning to his former home, it may feel the pangs of hunger. She must not wash or comb her hair, nor grease it, and neither may parents who are mourning a child; but if another child should be born to them, then they must tend their hair, or ill-luck may befall them, or dog the footsteps of the child.

Before three years are passed the relations of a deceased Haka Chin perform what is known as *lam Sher* the death dance. This celebration, lasting three days, depends on the wealth of the relations. The first day an animal is sacrificed and food prepared, while the people gather together, and next day come all the people who have lost relatives, carrying on their backs all their fine clothes and treasured beads. While a man stands beating a drum, these people circle round him in these people circle round him in songs of happiness while the other sing songs of death. They believe that the deceased is present in spirit, listening to the songs sung in his honour, and watching the dancers, who dance so slowly that the dances take all day. Next comes the offering of the clothes and beads, but after they have been offered they are taken home again. This feast varies slightly according to the sex of the deceased. When it is a woman other women perform a dance called *raw karr karr*—a very difficult dance which is performed between bamboo poles, when it is a man, wrestling takes place.

If the relations are sufficiently wealthy they will hold another feast called *nga suk*. For this the relations and friends choose a spot by a jungle stream and the menfolk erect a kind of shelter. Then an animal, *nythun*, bullock or buffalo, is killed, and the people dance or wrestle. Next day they all assist in poisoning the stream, and catch the fish before they set out on the return journey.

A still further celebration is a *nythun*—a hunting expedition. For this the relative who intends to hold it will warn the others some days previously, and then the night before the appointed day, nine men from other families join him in his house, but no women are present.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### CHARITY BALL AND CONCERT.

[To the Editor of "China Mail."] Sir,—I shall be exceedingly obliged if you will be kind enough to allow me through the medium of your esteemed paper to make a report of the result of the financial success of the Charity Ball and concert, which was held on November 10 in the Hotel Cecil for the purpose of raising funds in aid of the Northern China flood sufferers.

My Committee has just had the account closed and audited, and I am instructed to state that the total takings for that evening including donations and advertisement funds, amounted to \$4,615.45.

With regard to all expenses and other incidentals necessary for the organisation of this Ball and concert, I am directed to mention that ten members of the Committee—namely: Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ma, Messrs. Chan Wai-chuen; T. O. Tso; Peter Doo; Sin Cheuk-man; Chiu Tsan-yi; Parkson Chan; Seemin and myself were responsible in defraying this sum by contributions among ourselves. Thus all overhead charges have, by this means, been disposed of and every cent that came in went toward the Relief Fund.

In respect of the success of this ball and concert, I am pleased to state that thanks are especially due to the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow; the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, and the Hon. S. W. Tso for having acted as our patrons; to Mrs. Southorn; Ngan Shing-kwan; General Cheung Wai-cheong; Admiral Chan Chak, Messrs.—Chan Lim-pak, W. T. Stanton; Nrucker and Brandel; Lo Cheung-shui; Woo Hay-tong and Langston, my Committee are indebted for their subscriptions; to the Wing On Co., Ltd., and the Sincere Co., Ltd., for decoration and help for disposing of tickets. To the management of the Hotel Cecil, my Committee are grateful for their generosity of lending the Ball room free of charge in addition to the supply of dinner free for the 500 persons who were present. And our thanks are also due to the following firms:—Messrs. Dowell & Co., Ltd., Calbeck, Macgregor & Co., Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. for a gift of wine; Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., and the Sincere Co., Ltd., for aerated water; Messrs. M. Y. San & Co., Ltd., the Sun Co., Ltd., Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., Ltd., Cheung Wo Tobacco Co., Ltd., Nestle Milk Co., the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, Ltd., (all these firms having supplied articles, cigarettes, chocolate, etc.); the Yin Wah Electric Co. for fitting the colour lights and the Victoria Printing Press for posters.

A cheque for \$4,615.45, being the entire proceeds as above stated, has been sent to the Tung Wah Hospital for despatch to the flood area.

Yours, etc.,  
P. H. SIN  
Hon. Secretary,  
Charitable Ball and Concert Committee.  
Hong Kong, Dec. 7.

even the womenfolk of the house are sent away. These men then sacrifice a female pig—one which has not had a litter—and eat part of the flesh, throwing some of it away outside the village. These ten men must not talk to anybody but each other, and next morning early they leave the village and sacrifice a fowl, eating the flesh before they go on to the jungle to meet other villagers. They must not speak to any of the villagers until after the first beat, and the host must not speak to any of them throughout the hunt. He must eat by himself, and no one must go to his house. The other nine men carry guns, but the man who is holding the feast has only a bow and arrows, or a spear. When the hunting is over he can talk to anyone, and the hind legs of the game killed are his property.

These people have many extraordinary customs and strange festivals—quaint-sounding to the ears of civilized people, but an important part of the existence of the people in Haka. They bury their dead inside their village unless the deceased has taken his own life or met his death by violence, then he must not lie in the village, and the Village Nat has to be appeased with the sacrifice of a large *nythun*.

## WHEN ELECTIONS WERE LIVELY.

### Topical Ballad-Writer's Opportunity.

(By Walter M. Gallichan.)

In my young days elections were more picturesque and spectacular than they are nowadays. Strident brass bands heralded the arrival of a candidate at the hustings to the strains of "A Fine Old English Gentleman" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Bands played an important part in the contest, and now and then rival musicians endeavoured to drown each other's melody with discords on the cornet and trombone.

Everyone wore "favours" in those days, and often horses and dogs were decorated. In our borough the "Tories" wore blue ribbons and the "Radicals" red. There were only two parties—Conservatives and Liberals, but we always spoke of the former as "Tory" and the latter as "Radical."

#### The Squib.

A weapon in each party's armoury was the "squib", or political broadsheet. These leaflets were issued in thousands, and distributed by partisans who careered through the streets in vehicles, casting their satires to the winds till the streets were littered with them.

Every election inspired the topical ballad-writers of the period, and some of these effusions were of an extremely personal character. The words were set to a well-known air, and a week before polling day a number of professional street singers from London would invade the borough and sing their ditties in the High Street and the Market Place. The songs were sold for a penny a copy.

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Candidates were frequently hustled and sometimes assaulted seriously. For their protection professional pugilists were employed. Meetings often ended in free fights, and the windows of public halls were smashed. I have seen a local town "character" approach a candidate and, showing a scalp wound, exclaim triumphantly: "See what I've done for you in an argument!"

#### Yells and Cat Calls.

After a conflict of fistcuffs or of sticks between the opposed parties the local newspaper would state that "party feeling ran somewhat high." In those days political meetings were seldom orderly. Insolent gibes were hurled at the speakers, yells and cat calls greeted them when they mounted the platform, and mobs of opponents followed them from the halls, booing and hissing.

After the declaration of the poll the successful contestant made a victorious progress through the streets seated in a landau and preceded by a band playing "See the Conquering Hero Comes," and cheering voters, carrying flaring torches, held revelry till the early morning.

The scenes often suggested a survival of the Saturnalia. To-day our enthusiasm is expressed less vociferously, and the majority of electors have more rational grounds for their political faith.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

### Wife's Quarrel With Husband.

Socorro Tiango Hatol, 28, residing with her husband, Guillermo Hatol, Inspector of the Pampanga Bus Company, at 1192 Calle Sande, is hovering between life and death at the Philippine General Hospital, suffering from a self-inflicted stab wound in the chest in an attempt to commit suicide following a quarrel with her husband, say the Manila Bulletin.

The Manila police disclosed the fact that at about 8.30 o'clock on the night of November 25, Mrs. Hatol left her residence after quarrelling with her husband and went to her father's house. The woman was talking with her father, Vicente Tiango, and her aunt, Antera Tiango, when she suddenly pulled out a knife and stabbed herself in the chest.

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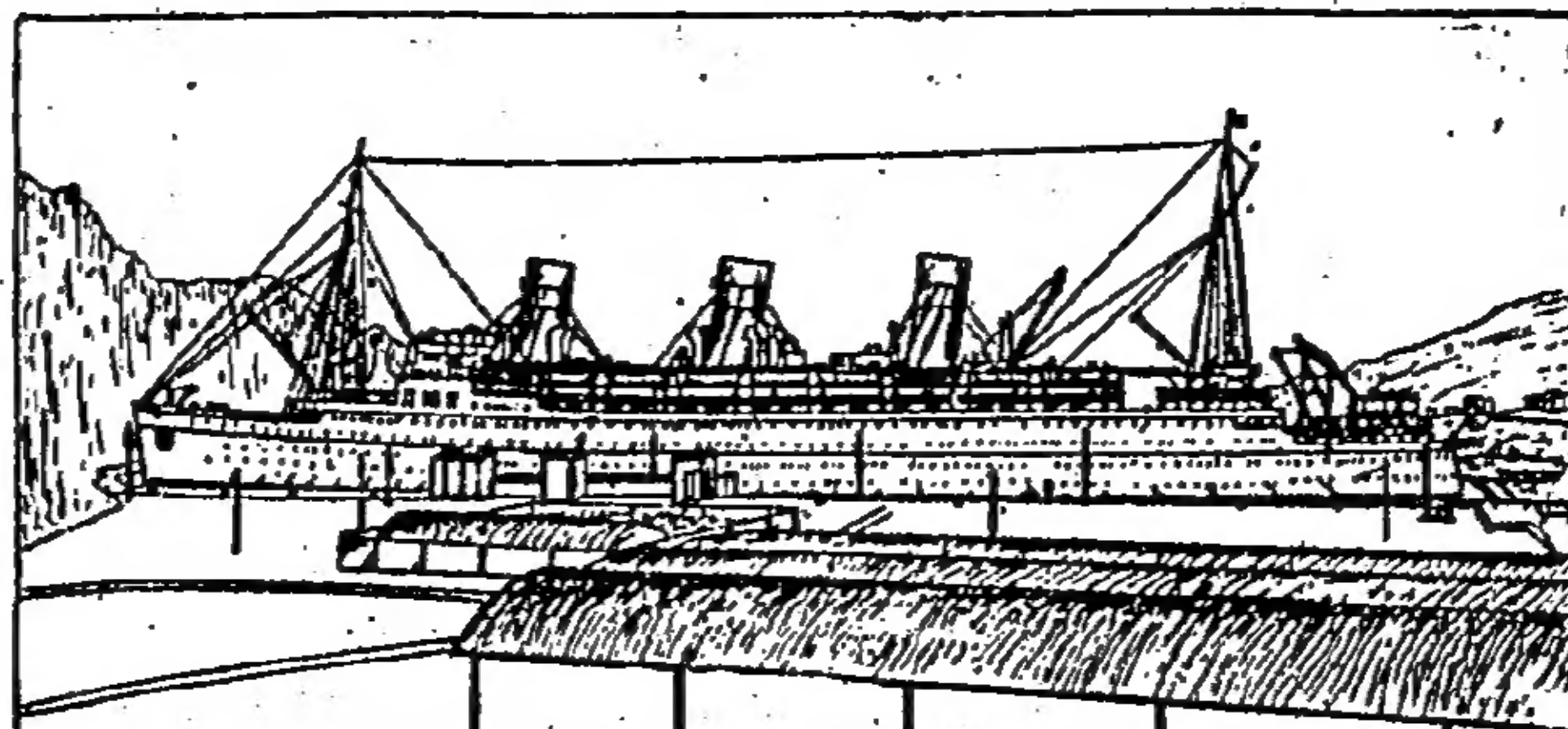
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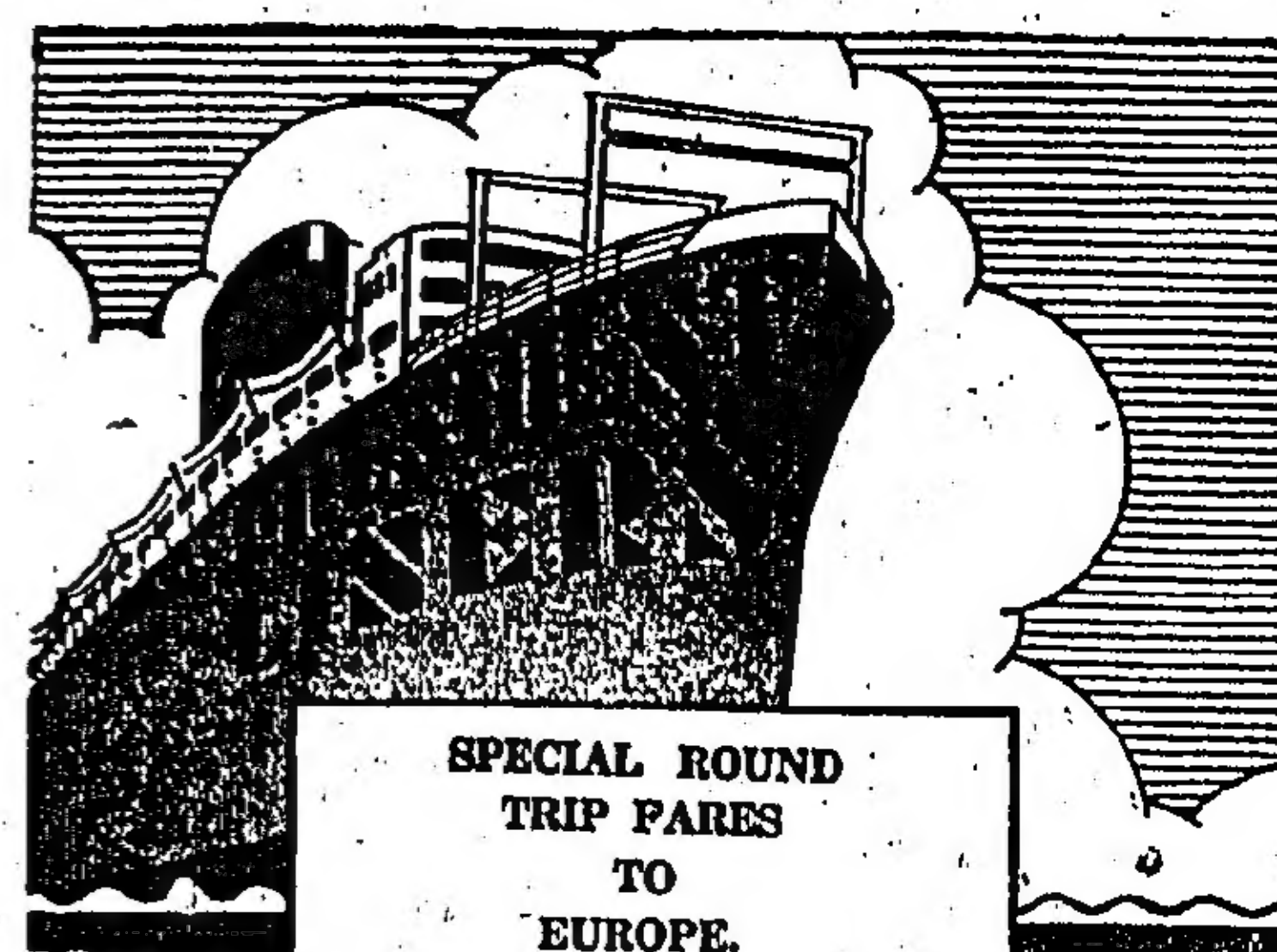
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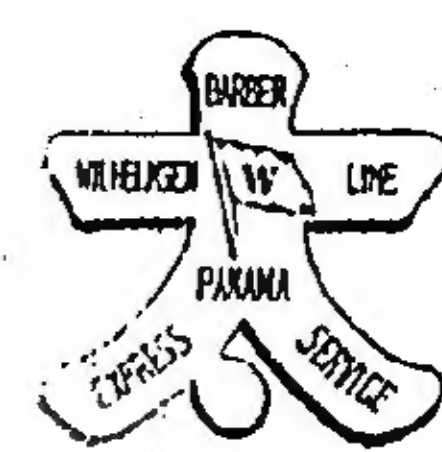
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## RADIO TOPICS

## LARGEST VALVE.

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Few branches of electrical  
science have made such rapid pro-  
gress as that of wireless communi-  
cations, and in this rapid advance  
involving the closely inter-related  
efforts of many of the world's lead-  
ing scientists the thermionic valve  
has played an exceedingly import-  
ant part.

This apparatus, originally invent-  
ed in 1904 by Dr. J. A. Fleming, in  
the form of the two-electrode valve,  
greatly improved by Dr. Lee De  
Forest in 1907 by the introduction  
of the grid or third electrode, and  
subsequently developed by investi-  
gators throughout the world, now  
forms the heart of every modern  
system of wireless communication.

Our great broadcasting systems,  
the trans-Atlantic telephone, the  
beam stations which form a great  
chain of communication between the  
distant parts of the earth, all these  
have as their basis the discovery  
and evolution of the thermionic  
valve.

Difficulties of Construction.  
Yet in spite of these rapid ad-  
vances the wireless engineer has  
been gravely restricted in his efforts  
economically and efficiently to in-  
crease the power at his disposal by  
the fact that the valve in its com-  
mercial form has up to the present  
necessarily been constructed in the  
form of a highly evacuated glass bulb  
into which are sealed permanently  
the electrodes necessary for its operation.

The difficulties of construction  
and operation of this type of valve  
increased enormously as greater  
and greater outputs were required.  
Cooling, deterioration of the  
vacuum and the great expense of  
replacement when the valve failed  
—all had presented difficult and in  
some cases insurmountable prob-  
lems.

For many years the ideal of a  
valve whose vacuum would not be-  
come poorer with age, in which the  
great difficulty of sealing off the  
electrode under vacuum in the pro-  
cess of manufacture would be avoid-  
ed and in which the filament could  
be replaced or other repairs executed,  
and the valve rapidly and easily  
again placed in operation, has been  
the object of much investigation.

A discovery leading to a great  
achievement emanated from the re-  
search laboratories of the Metro-  
politan-Vickers Electrical Co., of  
Great Britain wherein some three  
years ago experiments in no way  
connected with wireless communi-  
cation or thermionic valves, and in-  
deed not expected to be of any in-  
dustrial consequence, led to the pro-  
duction of oil distillates have re-  
markable properties.

## Replacing the Mercury.

They could be boiled at a fairly  
low pressure without decomposition  
and yet at room temperature their  
rate of evaporation was so small  
that they could be placed inside a  
vacuum valve without impairing the  
vacuum. Such a material has  
almost as much appeal to the vac-  
uum physicist of to-day as had the  
philosopher's stone to the early al-  
chemist.

It was quickly realised that here  
was the ideal liquid to replace the  
mercury of the vapour pump, as due  
to its low volatility cooling could  
now be effected with water and the  
cumbersome and expensive liquid  
air process eliminated. This was  
a vitally important step removing  
as it did the continuously evacuated  
valve from the realm of laboratory  
apparatus and placing it at the ser-  
vice of the engineer.

In 1930 a valve designed for an  
input of approximately 25 kw. was  
constructed, incorporating the new  
development, and proved so satis-  
factory, in operation, not only in  
the laboratory, but also in actual  
continuous service at the Rugby  
wireless station, that the British  
Post Office which had from the  
early stage shown a lively and progressive in-  
terest in these tests, entrusted the  
Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co.,  
with the design and manufacture  
of a 500 kw. valve.

## Entirely New Development.

Thus, after many months of effort  
involving careful design an entire-  
ly new development conceived less

than three years before has been  
brought to a successful commercial  
conclusion.

Physically this huge new valve  
stands four metres high and is 36  
cms. in diameter. Complete it  
weighs over a ton and is built on a  
welded steel bedplate three metres  
long by one-and-a-quarter metres  
wide. Its water-cooled steel anode  
weighs 153 kg. and is equipped with  
hydraulic jacks to facilitate de-  
mounting and assembly.

## EMPIRE WIRELESS.

Singapore, Nov. 10.

Every wireless listener in Malaya  
will welcome the news that we are  
to have daily Empire wireless trans-  
missions, commencing at an early  
date. The British Broadcasting  
Corporation is to build a new and  
powerful short-wave station at  
Daventry to provide a daily pro-  
gramme, which will be practically  
continuous, for all parts of the Em-  
pire. Several wave-lengths, design-  
ed to give the best reception under  
varying conditions in different  
parts of the Empire, will be em-  
ployed. Construction will begin al-  
most at once and the cost of the  
new station, estimated at £40,000,  
together with that of the mainte-  
nance of the special programmes,  
will at first be undertaken by the  
British Broadcasting Corporation,  
although it is hoped that the differ-  
ent parts of the Empire will later  
pay their share. The announce-  
ment says: "For some time the  
Corporation has been in consulta-  
tion with the Government depart-  
ments concerned, and the subject  
was discussed with the last Imperial  
and Colonial Conference. The dif-  
ficulties of financing such a service  
on a permanent basis have, so far,  
postponed the development of an ex-  
perimental service from Chelmsford  
G5 S.W., but the need in the Im-  
perial sense, and the strong desire  
expressed from all parts of the  
Empire, in particular from the  
Crown Colonies, have determined the  
Corporation to proceed without fur-  
ther delay. The object will be to  
give as many listeners as possible,  
in all parts of the Empire, a pro-  
gramme from the home country at  
hours when it is most convenient  
for them to listen, but the details  
of the times of operation will de-  
pend upon the results of the experi-  
ments and upon the demand.

It is to be hoped that this ex-  
cellent piece of news will not have  
the effect of delaying the local  
Government's reply to the request  
of the Amateur Wireless Society of  
Malaya (Singapore) for a broad-  
casting licence. Daily programmes  
from an Empire station will doubt-  
less attract hundreds of new listen-  
ers in Malaya, but local pro-  
grammes, catering for Asiatic as  
well as European listeners, must be  
provided as in all other Colonies  
and Dominions. The annual meet-  
ing of the Society is to be held on  
Thursday and up to the time of writ-  
ing no reply has been received from  
the Government. It is to be hoped  
that an answer will be forthcoming  
in time for discussion at the meet-  
ing.—Straits Times.

## "RADIO SNEAKS."

According to an official of the  
London G.P.O., since the beginning  
of the recent intensive campaign  
against the users of broadcast re-  
ceivers without licences, no fewer  
than 80,000 new licences have been  
taken out—these in addition to the  
normal renewals. It is stated that  
the threat of an extension of the  
field of investigation has resulted in  
a sudden jump in the number of ap-  
plications, for licences being received  
in the provinces. A correspon-  
dent in a letter to The Times ad-  
vocates the substitution of "radio  
sneak" for the term "pirate," since  
the latter at any rate implies a mea-  
sure of daring and courage, where-  
as the listener who knowingly re-  
frains from obtaining a licence en-  
joys his listening in snug security

—at least, he did think so, until the  
Post Office detector van showed that  
the security was quite imaginary.  
No one, of course, can know with  
any precision how many unlicensed  
listeners there are, but I have seen  
an estimate of 400,000 for the Lon-  
don district alone. It is to be  
hoped that this is a great exaggera-  
tion. A correspondent states that  
of the 4,000,000 owners of receiving  
sets in Germany, 0.03 per cent.  
have been convicted of "piracy"  
which, although a small percentage,  
amounts to 12,000. It is said that  
in Germany the increasing number  
of defaulters is a sign of the pro-  
pensity to bad times.

## RADIO NOTES.

The French Posts and Telegraphs  
administration has expressed the in-  
tention of installing a high-power  
broadcasting station in the island  
of Corsica. With a view to find-  
ing a suitable site tests are to be  
made in the vicinity of the towns  
of Ajaccio, Calvi, and Bastia. The  
station will be linked up with the  
French official broadcasting net by  
submarine cable.

The Soviet authorities officially  
state that they have started work  
on the 100-kilowatt transmitter at  
Novosibirsk destined to serve all  
Siberia and the Far East. Trans-  
missions are to be made daily in the  
Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and  
English languages.

There are so many short-wave  
broadcasting stations now on the  
air that one need not Morse to  
find plenty of entertainment below  
the 50-metre mark, comments a  
writer in a home journal.

The simplest method of get-  
ting loudspeaker reception on  
these wave-lengths is to couple a  
single-valve detector, fitted with  
short-wave tuning coils, to the first  
low frequency stage of a standard  
broadcast receiver. Another plan  
is to use combined oscillator and  
detector as the adaptor, and couple  
it to the high-frequency stages of  
a standard broadcast set. The  
H.F. circuits are tuned to the "beat"  
frequency, and they act in the same  
way as the intermediate-frequency  
stages of a super-het. The merit  
of this plan is that all the valves  
of an existing broadcast re-  
ceiver are used to good advantage,  
which makes for economy in opera-  
tion of the whole outfit.

Some of the later evening broad-  
casts from Radio Toulouse can be  
picked up on most days on 44  
metres; this transmission is carried  
out by an amateur experimental sta-  
tion at Oporto (Portugal).

For communication with the Bel-  
gian Congo and the United States  
of America the Ruysselede (Bel-  
gium) short-wave station will work  
on 15.62 metres (9 kilowatts) during  
the day and on 29.04 metres (12  
kilowatts) at night.

The Reykjavik broadcasting sta-  
tion is owned and operated by the  
Icelandic State. Although it has  
now been in operation for many  
months the number of registered  
subscribers does not exceed 3,600.  
The licence fee charged works out  
at roughly £1 12s. per annum.

Immediate steps are to be taken to  
increase the power of the Ecole Su-  
perieure (Paris PTT) station; a  
complete overhaul of the plant, it  
is stated, will produce 10 kilowatts  
in the aerial. Later, if the new re-  
organisation scheme is accepted, the  
Posts and Telegraphs will erect a  
100-kilowatt transmitter.

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" Breast	牛尾	lb.	80 20 18
" Soup	牛尾	lb.	27 20 18
" Steak	牛尾	lb.	88 24 22
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	46 30 35
" Sausages	牛尾	lb.	86 26 20
Bull's Head & Feet	牛頭	lb.	17 10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛頭	lb.	50 60 60
" Tongue, corned	牛頭	lb.	60 — —
" Head	牛頭	lb.	\$1.20 — —
" Heart	牛頭	lb.	24 18 14
" Hump, Salt	牛頭	lb.	20 18
" Feet	牛頭	lb.	12 10 12
" Kidneys	牛頭	lb.	18 10 12
" Tail	牛頭	lb.	27 20 22
" Liver	牛頭	lb.	24 18 14
" Tripe	牛頭	lb.	8 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	lb.	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊尾	lb.	44 28 —
" Leg	羊尾	lb.	44 28 —
" Shoulder	羊尾	lb.	40 24 —
" Saddle	羊尾	lb.	44 — —
Pigs' Chittlings	猪尾	lb.	80 27 —
" Brains	猪尾	lb.	15 15 —
" Feet	猪尾	lb.	80 15 18
" Fry	猪尾	lb.	20 20 —
" Head	猪尾	lb.	18 10 10
" Heart	猪尾	lb.	15 10 8
" Kidneys	猪尾	lb.	48 30 24
" Liver	猪尾	lb.	40 25 23
" Pork Chop	猪尾	lb.	42 — —
" Leg	猪尾	lb.	45 60 70
" Loin	猪尾	lb.	28 21 —
" Fat or Lard	猪尾	lb.	90 60 70
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	lb.	12 8 7
" Heart	羊頭	lb.	15 12 10
" Kidneys	羊頭	lb.	45 26 25
" Liver	羊頭	lb.	25 25 22
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪尾	lb.	80 20 18
" Suet, Best	猪尾	lb.	88 28 28
" Mutton	猪尾	lb.	22 20 20
" Sausages	猪尾	lb.	28 — —

## Fish.

	1931.	1918.	1914.
Barbel	魚	lb.	48 16 24
Bream	魚	lb.	34 20 16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	魚	lb.	34 — —
Carp	魚	lb.	36 13 16
Catfish	魚	lb.	36 16 27
Codfish	魚	lb.	38 12 9
Crabs	魚	lb.	54 16 17
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	24 22 28
Dab	魚	lb.	28 16 27
Dace	魚	lb.	48 28 16
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	20 10 —
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	60 10 8
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	60 16 —
" Yellow	魚	lb.	54 10 8
Frogs	魚	lb.	78 26 30
Garnoupe	魚	lb.	85 82 25
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	24 40 30
Herrings	魚	lb.	32 22 18
Halibut	魚	lb.	38 13 23
Labrus	魚	lb.	28 18 15
Lobsters	魚	lb.	72 22 18
Mackerel	魚	lb.	72 62 24
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	46 32 21
Mullet	魚	lb.	45 20 20
Oysters	魚	lb.	38 13 2
Pacot Fish	魚	lb.	40 12 2
Perch	魚	lb.	28 14 9
Pike	魚	lb.	44 16 9
Plaice	魚	lb.	50 38 20
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	58 36 30
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	40 36 45
Prawns	魚	lb.	64 16 14
Ray	魚	lb.	25 13 18
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	36 22 10
Salmon	魚	lb.	56 88 30
Shark	魚	lb.	20 8 10
Skate	魚	lb.	20 10 10
Shrimps	魚	lb.	60 38 30
Snapper	魚	lb.	48 28 28
Sole	魚	lb.	38 22 28
Tench	魚	lb.	38 26 35
Turbot	魚	lb.	36 12 12
Turbot, small fr. water	魚	lb.	145 12 12

## Poultry.

	1931.	1918.	1914.
Chicken	雞	lb.	60 30 31
Capon, Small	雞	lb.	58 28 30
Capon, Large	雞	lb.	64 28 30
Duck	鴨	lb.	48 22 21
Doves	鴿	each	30 22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	38 18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	per doz.	40 25 20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72 36 24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	54 85 24
Geese	鴨	lb.	48 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40 80 —
" Hothow	鴿	each	30 28 —
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	84 — —
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	75 61 45
Snipe	沙	each	30 — —
Pheasant	山	pair	2.80 — —
Quail	山	each	28 — —
Partridges	山	each	1.10 — —

## Fruits.

Almonds .....	杏 仁	lb. 1.20	35	—
Apples (California) ..	金山苹果	„ 20	20	—
Bananas (bride's) .....	蕉山香蕉	„ 8	4	—
Carambola .....	楊 桃	„	12	—
Cocoanuts .....	椰 子	each 14	10	10
Lemons, China .....	檸檬	lb. 12	25	80
Lemons (American) ..	金山檸檬	each 13	8	—
Lichees, Dried .....	荔枝干	lb. 1.00	25	80
Oranges (Canton) .....	新会甜橙	„ 10	—	—
Oranges .....	橙	„ 12	—	15
Pears (Canton) .....	沙 梨	„ 36	—	—
Peanuts .....	花 生	„ 14	10	12
Persimmons, Large ..	大 柿	„	12	—
Plantain .....	紅 蕉	„ 5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam .....	暹羅柚	each 20	12	6
Walnuts .....	合 桃	lb. 30	—	16
Grapes .....	菩 提子	„ 70	—	—



